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## LVC remembers former President John Synodinos at memorial service

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Photography Editor

On Saturday Jan. 25, 2003, family and friends of John A. Synodinos, president emeritus of Lebanon Valley College, gathered in Miller Chapel for a celebration of his life. He passed away at the age of 68 on Dec. 26, 2002. President G. David Pollick described Synodinos' life as a journey. "It is his journey and we are along for the ride," Pollick said. This journey began with the vision of helping colleges and people in need and it will continue for many years to come.

Synodinos was LVC's 15th president from 1988 to 1996. In those years, he helped increase undergraduate enrollment, reintroduced achievement-based scholarships, and pushed the College forward into the electronic age with campus networking, distance learning, and Internet access. Synodinos also oversaw the renovations to several campus buildings along with the openings of the Vernon and Doris Bishop Library and the Suzanne H. Arnold Art Gallery.

At the memorial service, longtime friends and colleagues remembered Synodinos' tenacity, forcefulness, and determination in everything he did for LVC, Franklin and Marshall College, and

central  
Pennsylvania.  
From 1968 to  
1984,

Synodinos worked at F&M College in fundraising and in various administrative positions. Dr. Richard Kneedler, president emeritus of F&M, recalled Synodinos doing everything in his power to solve problems on campus. "He was always in motion and he was always focused," Kneedler said. When F&M faced financial difficulties in 1971, Synodinos helped increase endowment and raised funds for renovations to the campus.

In 1984, Synodinos retired from F&M and, along with his wife Glenda, created a consulting firm for colleges, universities, and non-profit organizations. While searching for a new president for Lebanon Valley, Synodinos found himself taking on the position. Many colleges during that time were facing enrollment declines and reduced government support. Without government support, these colleges resorted to cutting budgets and staff members. When Synodinos came to LVC, he developed a new scholarship plan to help the College grow.

Synodinos' plan was to award academically-talented students with merit



Photo courtesy of College Relations

### LVC remembers John Synodinos

scholarships for their hard work. This plan helped increase student enrollment at LVC, and soon after, several other colleges began awarding merit scholarships too. Synodinos had always believed that hard working students deserved recognition for their talents. As a result of the enrollment increase, Synodinos then had the campus renovated and landscaped.

The Rev. Dr. William J. McGill Jr., senior vice president and dean of the faculty emeritus, described Synodinos as fierce and determined. "He loved ideas and loved people," McGill said. Synodinos was also known for always giving other people credit for work done.

Synodinos not only gave his time and talent to LVC, but also to many charitable organizations in central Pennsylvania, as well as promoting the arts. Kathleen A. Pavelko, president and CEO of WITF, said that Synodinos had the "ability to see the immediate and the long view." He focused on the long-term health of WITF and helped shaped its

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## Rendell stresses campaign pledges and bipartisanship in inaugural address

By Douglas Moser

Ed Rendell was sworn in Tuesday, Jan. 21 as Pennsylvania's 45th governor during a blustery outdoor ceremony on Commonwealth Ave. in Harrisburg.

Rendell, formerly a district attorney and mayor of Philadelphia, took oath at 12:12 p.m., 11 minutes after the 12:01 p.m. time prescribed by Pennsylvania's constitution.

During his short speech to the throng of people who braved arctic conditions to see their new governor, Rendell reiterated much of his campaign platform.

"Pennsylvania's economy ranks 48th out of 50 states," he said, "and we've lost more than 80,000 jobs over the last two years."

"But I see a Pennsylvania that can be the comeback story of the decade."

Rendell also campaigned heavily on changing how Harrisburg funds state public schools. "I campaigned on a promise to reduce property taxes by increasing the state share of educational funding," he said in his inaugural address.

By increasing state money to schools, local municipalities and individual school districts would theoretically be less reliant on property taxes for funding, according to Rendell. However, an increase in state funding begs a daunting question: Where will the money come from?

Harrisburg is expecting a budget shortfall of nearly \$2 billion for the next fiscal year, according to both the governor and the Harrisburg Patriot-News.

During the campaign, when accused of being a tax-hiker by Republican opponent Mike Fisher, Rendell said, "I was able to find 11 percent of the Philadelphia budget and put it to new uses, and I can do the same in Harrisburg, standing on my head."

"If I have to raise taxes, I'll do that," he said. "But look at what we did in Philadelphia, where everyone was sure we'd have to raise taxes and we didn't."

At the inauguration, Rendell spoke words of sacrifice scarcely uttered by politicians in recent memory: "The economy has not recovered, and it's time to pay the piper," he said. "And paying the piper will mean short-term pain which, if we are willing to endure, will surely lead to long-term gain."

Near the end of his address, Rendell cautioned listeners from expecting quick results. "I do not suggest that any of these tasks will be easy, or that they can

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## Card swipes sweeping LVC

By Aubrie Ensinger

Enjoy the sweet sound of beeping when the cafeteria ladies swipe your card and unleash you into the cafeteria for breakfast, lunch or dinner? Do you feel overcome with the sense of power you get when charging purchases in the bookstore? Lately, campus has been buzzing, or should we say beeping, with news of the new card swipe systems to gain access to the newly opened Student

Center and its neighbors, Marquette and Dellinger Halls.

The same photo ID students use in the dining facilities, bookstore and Bishop Library will now be the key to getting into warmth even faster. Students living in Marquette and Dellinger will be using their ID cards to gain access to the halls and be responsible for only the room key. "With the cards, there is an improved sense of security. Limiting the keys will limit the number that can be lost. So

instead of a student or a stranger finding a lost key and learning that it gives them access to these facilities there'll just be the card," Student Services director, Jon Wescott said.

Concern for students with worn or damaged cards has arisen. However, so far, most cards have been working and the new system has been running smoothly. "Worn or damaged cards can be

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# Nothing like watching the Super Bowl for those commercials

By Cassandra Hoadley  
News Editor

Whether you are a football fan or foe, or if you were upset because neither of PA's teams made it this year, chances are you watched some of Super Bowl XXXVII or at the very least caught a few of those famous Super Bowl commercials. Companies spend an average of \$2.1 million per 30-second commercial during the annual championship game. Therefore, for the past decades the

advertising is for some more exciting than the football.

Though the makers of beer, soda, and cars dominated the airtime as usual, this year Hollywood decided to get a piece of the action and many advertisements promoted upcoming films.

Personally I didn't really see an overabundance of exciting commercials, or ones that were worth the huge price tag. For the most part, they were what the basic television ad is, a hyped-up attempt to get consumers to spend money, nothing

special about them.

However, I do feel a few deserve recognition as the best and the worst...As for commercials that probably amused the audience the most - as usual the beer companies win this award. Anheuser-Busch's Budweiser Clydesdales made an appearance again this year with a zebra as the ref of their game. The Bud Light commercials featuring anything from clowns to monkeys proved to at least crack a smile too. Charles Schwab's "mailman" commercial was also amusing by playing on the current state of the market and economy. Yahoo's hotjobs.com "Rainbow Connection" ad was another one that probably had heads turning. And who could resist the Pepsi commercial featuring America's favorite British family, the Osbournes?

On the flip side, the NFL's "crazy" advertisement was ridiculous, and Willie Nelson's appearance for H&R Block was just frightening. Dodge Ram's beef jerky choking ad receives the award for most disgusting, and the Gilligan's Island themed AT&T commercial was halfway between amusing and pathetic. Cadillac's smooth new vehicles definitely dominated the car market, but were nothing special.

As for Hollywood's debut, it looks as if the spring and summer bring additional superhero flicks and more Matrix than we can handle. I think more than any others, these ads will invoke some of us to travel to Palmyra's Cinema Center to check out the latest and greatest films in the upcoming months.

Many more ads could be added to either the best or worst lists, and I'm sure you all have your picks. However, were any really worth \$2.1 million? Did a commercial you saw really make you want to run out and buy something? Most likely no, but at least it provided for some entertainment between the Bucs running to the end zone and the Raiders practically running backwards. Another year down, many more to go. Think about the Super Bowl commercials the next time you're at the distributor or buying a car, you never know, maybe they really do work...

## Committee to create plan for increasing multiculturalism at LVC

By Jen Larson

Lebanon Valley's Diversity Advisory Committee is currently working to create a plan to increase the College's level of multiculturalism and help it live up to the parts of its mission statement which relate to cultural diversity. The committee, chaired by the Director of Multicultural Affairs Tchet Dorman, seeks to provide advisement for programming, curriculum, recruitment, and any issues related to multiculturalism or international affairs.

"It provides a setting for key members of the community to come together and to focus on the issue of multiculturalism," says Dorman. "We're like a think-tank, but hopefully we'll do more than just thinking. My main objective is that we come up with a plan and implement it."

Tina Washington, a member of the LVC Board of Trustees, said of Dorman, "Tchet has brought the committee to a higher level, to a different plane, because he is getting people to really discuss multiculturalism. He has people really talking, sharing their feelings about how they see the college, where they think the college should go, where the college has been, and where the future for the college is as far as multiculturalism is concerned." She has been a member of the Diversity Advisory Committee since its creation five years ago and feels that it is a very effective way for bringing ideas from all areas of the campus together and connecting them. "When I come here I can listen to and hear whether we are all on the same page," she says.

According to Dorman, LVC still has a long way to go as far as diversity is concerned. "Right now there are no levels that we are doing very well on by any benchmark that one might create relative to where we are in our country. I'm hoping that this group will help to inform the college on how it should proceed and really create a curriculum that properly educates the students, because right now they aren't being educated in a way that is consistent with the knowledge base of the real world."

Dr. Barney Raffield, a Lebanon Valley College business professor and three-year member of the DAC, feels that the committee is fit to tackle this problem. "We're not really anywhere near where we should be yet, but this committee is full of very bright people, ranging in all ages and all backgrounds, who share the common purpose of sensitizing others within the campus community to diversity," says Raffield.

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### Lebanon Valley College Senior Send-Off

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## LVC increases its security by adding card swipe machines

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replaced for just one dollar and overall, it seems these cards typically stand the test of time," Wescott said.

Call boxes accompany the card readers for students with trouble getting in to call Public Safety, roommates or friends to get inside. Student Services hopes to have keys collected for Marquette and Dellinger in the next week so they can evaluate the new card swipe system while it's running "full throttle."

A few additional features of the new card swipe system allow for increased security in the suites and new Student Center. Only two of the doors for each Marquette and

Dellinger will have the card swipe system. The third door will be accessible by key only and available for exit. Access to the residential halls will be strictly for residents of the halls, but all current students with an ID card will have access to the facilities in the Student Center. In addition, the card swipe system allows cards to be tracked for use when investigating incidents.

What's in the future for the small but mighty ID card? "We're working on a proposal to have card readers and call boxes in all residential halls. Of course with this, there's cost for wiring and doors. We're using this as a test case to see how it works," Wescott said. "Who knows? [in a few years] they could be in all residence halls."

## Weapons inspectors report to U.N. Security Council

By Douglas Moser

United Nations weapons inspectors gave a highly anticipated report about Iraqi cooperation to the Security Council Monday afternoon that outlined the inspection program's progress so far.

Chief weapons inspector Hans Blix gave his account of Iraqi cooperation with inspectors, of the credibility of Iraq's 12,000-page weapons declaration to the U.N. in December and of the discovery of warheads and documents unaccounted for in Iraq's declaration.

"It would appear from our experience so far that Iraq has decided in principle to provide cooperation on process, notably access," Blix told the Security Council. But "it is not enough to open doors."

Blix continued by saying that Iraq's passive cooperation has been satisfactory, that is to say that Iraq has given U.N. inspectors access to all requested sites. A distinction lies in the fact that the Iraqis are not coming forward with information that may lead inspectors to weapons caches or production facilities, Blix said.

Blix said that that kind of proactive cooperation would help avoid a war with the United States, the Washington Post reported Monday.

Questions also arose from omissions from Iraq's weapons declaration. "Regrettably, the 12,000-page declaration, most of which is a reprint of earlier documents, does not seem to contain any new evidence that will eliminate the questions or

reduce their number," Blix said.

The inspections team, which restarted inspections in Iraq in November after a four-year absence, expressed concern over the discovery of a handful of chemical warheads in a warehouse and of 3,000 pages of documents relating to uranium enrichment in the home of an Iraqi scientist. Neither the warheads nor the uranium documents were mentioned in Iraq's weapons declaration, according to CNN.

Blix said that the find seemed to "support a concern that has long existed that documents might be distributed to the homes of private individuals."

"The finding of the (chemical warheads) shows that Iraq needs to make more effort to ensure that its declaration is currently accurate," he said.

Though Blix's report generally approved of Iraqi cooperation thus far, he stopped short of asking the council for more time for the inspection process. He did refer to Feb. 14 as a tentative date for a new report, however.

Chief nuclear inspector and head of the International Atomic Energy Agency Mohamed El Baradei did specifically ask that the "inspections take their natural course," the New York Times reported.

"With our verification system now in place, barring exceptional circumstances and provided there is sustained, proactive cooperation by Iraq, we should be able within the next few months to provide credible assurance that Iraq has no nuclear

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## Rendell inaugurated as PA's new governor

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be accomplished within the first weeks or months of this administration," he said. "Nor do I promise that we will be successful in all that we undertake over the next four years."

The governor's address was scrutinized by his aides and by leaders of the Republican-held General Assembly. According to the Patriot, though, Republicans were satisfied with Rendell's words and his tone.

"I thought he struck a good tone and I hope he adopts, as he said he would, some of my ideas," said Fisher, who is also the state's attorney general.

Senate Majority Leader Chip Brightbill, R-Lebanon, pledged bipartisan cooperation with the Rendell Administration, the Patriot reported. "We are not the U.S. Congress," Brightbill said. Referring to Senate Minority Leader Robert Mellow, D-Lackawanna, Brightbill said, "He and I, we work together."

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# Multiculturalism to increase at LVC

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"What we are doing now," Washington adds, "is setting some goals which say, 'based upon the mission statement, this is how we think the college looks and this is how we'd like to see the college look.'"

Living up to the college's mission statement is playing a key role in the goal-setting process the committee is currently going through, says Dorman. He points out key parts of the college's mission statement which are not being fully met and call for an increase in multiculturalism at LVC:

- \* The college's aim is to enable our students to become people of broad vision... we seek to provide an education that helps students to acquire the knowledge, skills, attitudes, and values necessary to live and work in a changing, diverse, and fragile world...

- \* Through both curricular and co-curricular activities we endeavor to... enhance their sensitivity to and appreciation of differences among human beings...

- \* Lebanon Valley aspires to pursue this mission within a community in which caring and concern for others is a core value.

One of the places LVC must change in order to bring its level of diversity closer to this statement is in the curriculum, says Raffield. "We need to have programs

which educate students as part of their course work and co-curricular life here about sensitivity to multiculturalism and promote the celebration and the appreciation of it."

In addition to enhancing the curriculum, Dorman also feels that in order to accomplish its goals, the college needs to work harder to increase the campus' population diversity. "Because we are in close proximity to some definite Latino, African, and Asian communities that are very significant, there may be some other things we can try," he suggests.

Other colleges and universities across the country are working to increase multiculturalism in the classrooms and on their campuses as well. This movement has sparked a debate over such programs. "Much of what has marched under the banner of diversity, and its twin in the academy, multiculturalism, has resulted in division," claims Bradford Wilson, executive director of the National Association of Scholars in a Nov. 12 New York Times article on diversity within American college campuses. Wilson's organization and others are concerned that efforts to increase diversity are taking the focus away from academics and trying to make students conform to certain political and ideological views.

Dorman, however, sees efforts to diversify

campuses as necessary measures to broaden the education of the students. "If you aren't being successful at something, then you need to do something different, and if by not doing that, are we saying that we are really not interested in solving that problem? That goes against the nature of how we should be operating. It's bad business and a disservice to our students."

Washington agrees about the importance of continually assessing LVC's level of multiculturalism. "You're always going to have to come back and reevaluate, 'What are we doing? Are we staying true to ourselves? Are we staying true to the mission statement?'"

The diversity of the committee itself may assist in giving an extensive evaluation of its progress. Administrators, faculty, and students from many different areas of the LVC campus make up the DAC. "Because we have representatives from many areas and layers of the community hierarchy, their voices will be heard at all levels," Dorman hopes.

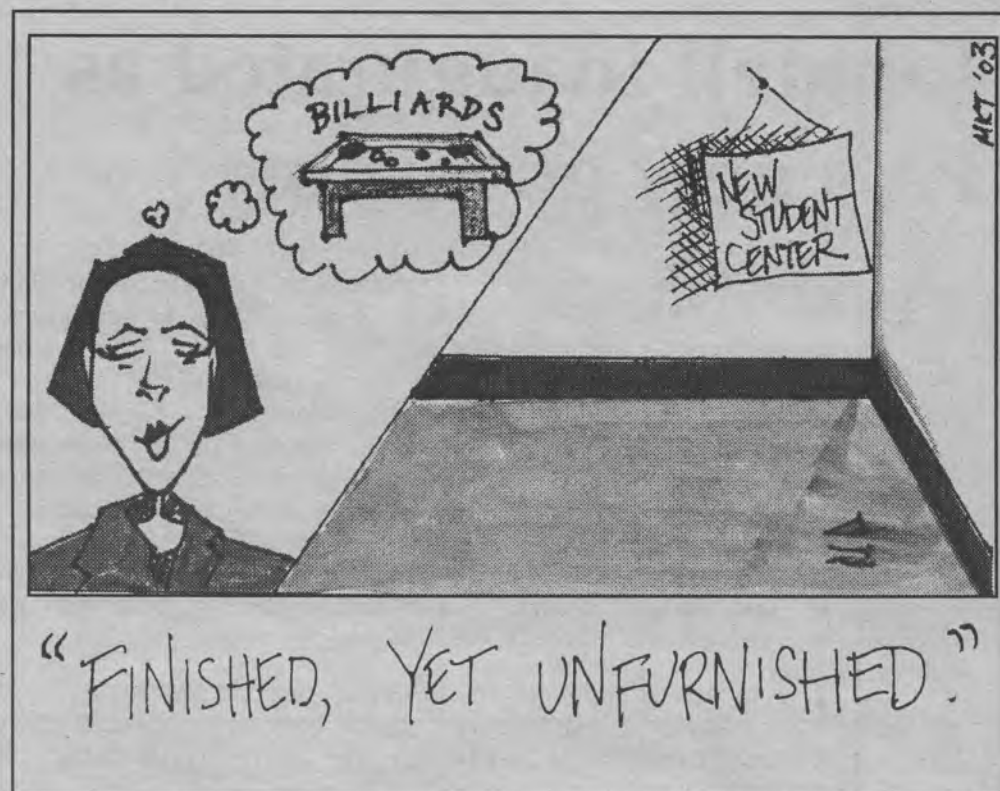
Dorman had success with a similar committee at Albright College where he also held the position of director of multicultural affairs. "From that committee we came up with a plan for how the college was going to go about producing multicultural competent students, faculty and staff. It provided a

really good place for sharing ideas back and forth and organizing programs too," says Dorman.

Each campus is different though, and Dorman feels that the college needs to define what multiculturalism means to Lebanon Valley without trying to rush into action too quickly. He says the Diversity Advisory Committee is going to take its time to create a comprehensive view of the college. "Sometimes people can be very myopic and look at one problem, but I think that would be doing a disservice to the other ways in which we can assist our student body and move it forward," warns Dorman. "I think we should spend the time this year to come up with a plan that can be implemented over the course of five, ten years, maybe forever," he adds.

Dorman has faith in the committee's ability to come up with a plan for LVC and is looking forward to helping them succeed. "It's the best we have right now because we need to have broad representation from across the campus," he said. "We may need to expand and do different things later: involve people in various ways, create sub-committees even after we've come up with something, but it will be interesting to see what we decide as a committee to do together."

## The new Student Center "Finished, Yet Unfurnished"



This political cartoon is created by Melika Troxell

## U.N. Security Council gets report from weapons inspectors

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weapons program," ElBaradei said.

"These few months would be a valuable investment in peace because they could help us avoid a war."

The Bush Administration, however, refused to budge on its stance that Iraq does in fact have weapons of mass destruction and that Iraq is toying with inspectors. "The more time we give," said White House spokesman Ari Fleischer, "the more they give the runaround."

Secretary of State Colin Powell, who used to represent a more conciliatory part of Bush's cabinet, seemed to step in line with the rest of the administration with comments on Monday that warned Iraq there is "not much more time," CNN reported.

"Iraq's time for choosing peaceful disarmament is fast coming to an end," Powell said.

"Unfortunately, nothing we have heard today gives us hope that Iraq intends to

fully comply," American U.N. ambassador John Negroponte said.

World reaction to the report overwhelmingly supported the notion that more time must be given to inspectors. France, Russia and China have been urging patience in order for the inspection process to continue. German Chancellor Gerhard Schröder has publicly stated that German forces will not participate in a campaign against Iraq, with or without U.N. approval.

In order for the Security Council to pass any resolution, the resolution must be approved by nine of the 15 member states. The five permanent members, Britain, China, France, Russia and the United States, can veto any measure.

France, Russia and China have stated they would support military action only if the Security Council approves. All three of those countries are permanent members of the council, meaning each has veto power.



## Super Bowl halftime show analysis: All that glitters is not gold

By Stephanie Lezotte

It soon became apparent that Super Bowl XXXVII viewers had to focus their thirsty attention elsewhere. The contest was an utter defeat and boring, nothing compared to the excitement and controversy that took place one year ago in the same event. The interspersed commercials were perhaps enough to keep some awake, but if they couldn't, perhaps the halftime show would. This year's performances were mainly live, compared to last year's that were pre-recorded (with the exception of U2) to reduce technical problems. How did the stars hold up under the pressure of 800 million worldwide viewers? Well, let's just say some held up better than others.

The halftime show preparation had been underway for awhile. At first, there were rumors of a halftime "diva" show that would have included Whitney Houston and Celine Dion. However, that idea was perhaps not a good idea, as thoughts arose as to whether Houston would show up. After all, Houston has a flaring history of broken deals: she didn't show up for her own video shoot last August, reneged on a promise to sing at Liza Minelli's wedding last year, and she ignored the American Music Awards and the Rock and Roll

Hall of Fame induction ceremony in 1999.

Perhaps NFL officials could have pitched a tent at the 50-yard line to ensure her appearance, but they probably figured she wasn't worth the hassle.

Celine Dion, however, was invited. She set the stage early for musical mastery with a tremendous and heartfelt rendition of "God Bless America," which she also sang at the September 21, 2001 telethon, "America: A Tribute to Heroes." This marks the first time that "God Bless America" has ever been sung at a Super Bowl, and could it have been done more tremendously? Fresh out of a two-year hiatus that was spent with her husband and infant, Dion's yet-to-be-released single "I Drove All Night" was featured in a Chrysler Crossfire commercial later that evening.

Dion was followed by the Dixie Chicks singing the National Anthem. Like Dion, the performance was the first since one of the women gave birth to a baby in November. As quoted on MSN.com, one of the singers admitted, "Anyone who tells you there's no pressure to sing the national anthem live to one of the biggest television audiences on the planet is not telling the truth." That may be the reason why the trio looked like deer in headlights. There was clearly no emotion coming from the

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## A freshman's perspective at LVC

By Greg Couturier

How do you begin a perspective article on a semester of college? I've wrestled all week with a way to sum up the flow of emotion that has riddled my heart while I've been here, and I just couldn't do it. Hopefully whatever I write will in some way ring true to someone. If not, then I apologize beforehand.

Every person undoubtedly goes through a myriad of changes throughout their lifetime, college being one of the first small steps along the way. For me, I guess I felt that since I was staying so close to home and going to a small liberal arts college, then maybe that change wouldn't be such a shock. It was.

Living here on campus, away from friends and family and away from all the comforts of home, left me feeling like I didn't have a soul to depend on. I considered transferring so many times it's a wonder I'm still here. But I am. That semester has made me so much stronger as an individual, and reinforced my love for my family and my friends tenfold. It all came down to switching a gear somewhere up in my head and realizing how blessed I am to be living the life, and having the opportunities, I have. In line with that there is a song by Tom Cochrane that has been quoted time and time again that I'm going to quote anyway. In this

song, entitled "Life is a Highway", Cochrane says, "Life's like a road that you travel on, where there's one day here, and the next day gone. Sometimes you bend, sometimes you stand, and sometimes you turn your back to the wind." Last semester my back was to the wind and I was bending more than I'd ever bent before, fighting all of the change and the incongruity of everything and worrying about nothing else but why I had picked LVC out of all the colleges out there. And that's when that gear switched that I was talking about earlier. With the help of some family and friends I have realized that I am just where I need to be, in a college that fits my personality better than I had at first thought. All of a sudden I'm seeing that I am surrounded by amazing people; I just didn't know where to go or which organizations to look into at first.

Although I'm running the risk of quoting too heavily, one more phrase says it all. Baz Luhrmann, in a speech originally written by a New York Times journalist, entitled "Wear Sunscreen", says, "Your choices are half chance...and so are everybody else's." - I have made the decision to come to LVC for better or for worse, and I've made it. And while half of that decision may have been half chance, that other half is sure starting to feel right...



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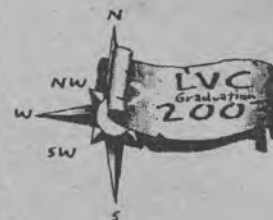
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# Why should the United States go to war?

By Ottavio D'Angelis

THERE ARE 48 Million South Koreans along with 34,000 United States servicemen facing a permanently-massed million-man army, and the risk of being literally burnt to a crisp by quickly producible fission weapons at the hands of the North Koreans. North Korea, along with China and Cuba, forms the last vestiges of communism remaining since the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989.

North Korea is the same belligerent, militarized regime that kidnapped a dozen Japanese civilians and held them for 25 years as language tutors, lobbed IRBMS over Japan four years ago, routinely starves and kills its civilians, and has petulantly thumbed its nose at the United Nations since the Korean ceasefire was grudgingly signed almost fifty years ago after the North invaded the South and killed 400,000 United States soldiers.

Their economy—as always in the grand, messed-up shambles of Lenin-Marxist centralized economies—finally collapsed five years ago with torrential flooding, ruining

their food production capacity—and their people have been freezing and starving ever since. They are ruled by a delusional, self-aggrandizing petty dictator who has put his country's economy on a footing that makes post-glasnost Russia seem like Bel Air, California by comparison, and has been trading missile, radar, weapons miniaturization and ICBM re-entry-vehicle technology with anybody who can say 'weapons proliferation,' has probably been brewing everything from smallpox and typhoid to Stephen King quality reverse-transcriptase bioweapons for years and now, finally, is overtly kicking out IAEA inspectors and starting up their old weapons-grade fissionable-materials-producing nuclear reactors for the past two weeks, openly (very openly and downright arrogantly: like, with a big lit-up neon sign that says “!@#\$ YOU, UNITED NATIONS.”)

This is a country that has now petulantly rattled its nuclear saber twice in the past ten years for the equivalent of a bowl of rice and some hot rat-meat. North Korea is, by far, the most dangerous, unstable country we could possibly face.

Meanwhile, back home, we are all being lulled by Bush's powerful siren song, spun from the depths of 9/11, lazily watching reality television . . . or the much more scary, for-real reality television, in the form of complacent CNN spots showing large force build-ups and smiling Armed Forces personnel telling us how well-prepared we, the US, are for pasting the tar out of a country we already bombed the stuffing out of 12 years ago. And we are getting ready to do this because they . . . they . . . they what? What did Iraq actually DO to provoke this?

Has Iraq been massing forces on the borders with Iran or Kuwait? No. Is it that they might be building nuclear warheads . . . or brewing anthrax in cramped, wheeled labs the size of your Uncle Ned's mobile home? No; we have cool star-wars-type detection apparatus like scintillation counters that can read Gamma emissions, secondary-effect atmospheric ionization, and the pips off your radium watch from 47,000 feet. OK; so maybe they've kept a couple of old tubes of mustard gas, or some empty 5-inch shells lying around in some bunker somewhere. Has the CIA given Hans Blix and the UN

Inspectors anything that indicates that Saddam is a current threat? I doubt it.

And furthermore, think back now: Don't you remember this whole Iraq thing starting off with some half-baked idea that Saddam Hussein had helped that bastard Osama Bin Laden? Can't you just picture the National Intelligence Briefing where, after having been shown the relatively large map distance between Yemen and Baghdad and informed that shared British/CIA analysis of some wildly improbable Czech Republic link between Al Qaeda and Iraq turned to be complete and utter bull\$#!#, GWB Jr. says, “Hell, who cares? Just relax, guys; they're all just a buncha no-good towel-heads over there, anyway, right? Hell, this war'll make me look like some kinda goddamned national hero.”

But, to reiterate: we are speaking of the huge distinction between a country which may be covertly building weapons of mass destruction and a nation that most definitely, brazenly, is: Has Iraq recently kicked out a bunch of international weapons inspectors, disabled moni-  
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## Thoughts from the Editor

If anyone is interested in writing for *La Vie* or would like to see an article on something specific, you are encouraged to attend meetings held every Monday at 6:00 p.m. in the College Center, or contact Joe Candio at 868-5723.

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas break. I would also like to welcome those students who are returning from studying abroad and those who are experiencing their first semester at LVC.

I would like to make two dedications in this issue of *La Vie*. First I would like to dedicate this issue of *La Vie* to Sean Burkhardt, but you may know him as Eric Laychock's friend Burky. Second, I would like to dedicate this issue to the Women's Soccer team.

Well the Student Center is finally open. Too bad it doesn't even completely furnished yet. There's supposed to be a pool table

there, and some more comfortable furniture but it's back ordered.

How about the card swipe machines? They're pretty cool. So far it took me ten swipes to get the door to open.

And problems around the middle east continue. You know what? I sick of that whole section of the world. Well, enjoy this issue!

### In this week's edition...

This week in *Sports*, Sports Editor **Tyrone Broxton** talks about the latest woes of the men's basketball team, while **Dave Farris** shares his insight on the women hoopers. The Ice Hockey team is back at the top the ECAC Northeast and **Brian Andrews** tell how that took place. Finally **Tim Flynn** had the fortune of watching future NBA star LeBron James and remains in awe as he shares his experience. As always Dutchmen Blurbs, Inside the Numbers, standings and Athletes of the Week. Enjoy!

## Synodinos memorial service a special ceremony at LVC

Continued from page 1 future in music and in the arts.

William Lehr Jr., chairperson of the Greater Harrisburg Foundation, said that Synodinos made a huge difference at the foundation. He had raised over a million dollars for families and children in need. Lehr described Synodinos as a "passionate, knowledgeable, hard working, and tenacious person." Lehr also said that Synodinos made people feel important.

Synodinos cared for so many people during his life and he placed the most importance on his family. His wife, Glenda, said he "passionately loved life and what it offered" and he was the most generous person she had ever known. Synodinos had a love for learning and teaching, as well as, for the performing arts. Jean Synodinos

described her father as a loving man and said that he spoke of his friendships with the highest respect.

Jean also recalled her father teaching her that there are ways out of difficult situations. Dr. McGill said one of Synodinos' favorite quotes was from a poem by T.S. Elliot called "The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock. The passage goes like this, "There will be time, there will be time...Time for you and time for me, And time yet for a hundred indecisions, and for a hundred visions and revisions, Before the taking of a toast and tea."

Synodinos' life was journey filled with visions that all of us today should be thankful for.

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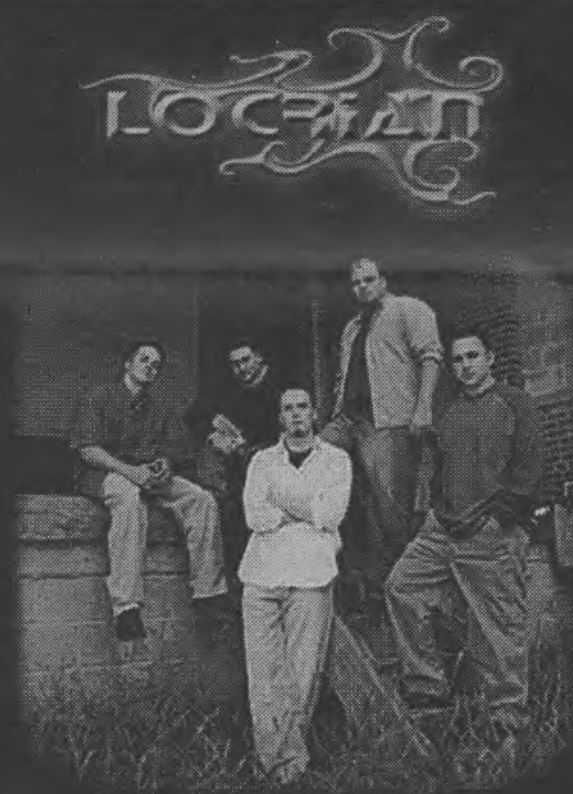
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# Movies: sequels, pre- quels, and trilogies

By Geoff Manderewicz  
Managing Editor

The movie industry has been going crazy with sequels, prequels, and trilogies in 2002, and 2003 looks to be no different. The old adage "there can't be too much of a good thing" is what movie studios are hoping as they crank out films that rely on its predecessors success.

2002 saw a whole bunch of favorites return to the theater. Including a new James Bond flick, a prequel to "Silence of the Lambs," the next installment of Harry Potter, "Lord of the Rings", and Star Wars. All of which were number one at the box office at least for two weeks, and others much longer.

The push for movies with familiar characters and punch lines is not solely the film industry's fault; moviegoers want to see more. Consumers in recent years have had their expectations of movies raised since blockbusters such as "Men in Black" and "The Matrix" has captured audiences. Although film companies have had to make movies of better quality, they don't seem to mind if there is possible longevity to a fran-

chise.

However, filmmakers have exploiting consumers down to a science. The newest trend to the sequel, prequel, and trilogy antics is the remake. "Ocean's Eleven" was a hit the first time it was made and apparently it was the second. "The Ring" raked in the money in America, but it raked in the money in Japan a number of years ago.

It would appear that as long as a franchise is popular, movie companies will keep writing plots for our favorite characters. Which is likely why 2003 is expected to be another year of sequels. The screen will see two new "Matrix" movies in May and November. Another "Lord of the Rings" will pop up next Christmas. A prequel to "Dumb and Dumber" will arrive during the summer. Reese Witherspoon will reprise her role in "Legally Blond 2".

Spider Man will be back sometime this year along with the X-men. All which will likely do very well in the theater.

Oh, by the way, Stars Wars begins filming again soon, Indiana Jones IV is being written, and so is Jurassic Park IV.

## Super Bowl halftime show analysis

continued from page 5 group, and their bland, but harmonious, rendition wasn't much to get excited about.

The halftime show featured a hodge-podge of musical talent. Country star Shania Twain opened up with her sultry voice and well-chosen costume. The 37-year-old diva captivated the crowd with two selections from her new album, Up! Twain gave a good performance, backed up with good vocals and took a stroll or two

into the crowd to recognize her fans.

Following Twain was the low-point of the talent. A glittering Gwen Stefani performed with her band, No Doubt. Stefani, energetic and dramatic as she was, forced me to change the channel and watch bits of the Saturday Night Live special halftime show. The off-key lead singer half sung, half yelled her way through her performance. Last year, No Doubt performed as part of a

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## Horoscopes

**Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 17)**

You may find it hard to sit at home this week. Your travels may seem mundane at first (after all no one loves Wal-mart that much), but will perk up as the weekend unfolds. There is nightlife out there for you somewhere.

**Pisces (Feb 18 - Mar 19)**

This week you seem bursting with energy. Don't bottle it up; instead use it to your advantage. Shape and mold that energy; create a new project or finish an old one.

**Aries (Mar 20 - April 19)**

You have felt very compassionately towards certain people lately, which is not a bad thing, but make sure your feelings are properly placed. Save your compassion for those who really need it.

**Taurus (April 20 - May 19)**

Give thought to the future this week, Taurus. New avenues are sure to appear if you look in the right places. Important career opportunities are available and you may find yourself pondering "the what if?" Give careful thought to all.

**Gemini (May 20 - June 20)**

Ahh, to have a life of a Gemini is so peaceful and relaxing, and it will continue to be so as this week progresses. Think about places you may want to travel to over spring break, and make arrangements. A good deal awaits.

**Cancer (June 21 - July 21)**

You may have an interesting dream this week that is so vivid it seems real. The meaning of such a dream will be apparent without you taking much effort to decipher it. Just hope it isn't a nightmare.

**Leo (July 22 - Aug 22)**

Leo, you tend to be more insightful during this time of year. Your new clarity will help

you establish stronger bonds, particularly when it comes to romantic relationships, although your friendships will benefit as well.

**Virgo (Aug 23 - Sept 21)**

Form a group or committee to get work done on an upcoming project. Time will be saved and quality work completed if you can step up as a leader of the team. You can do it, go team go.

**Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)**

Strong communication with you loved one this week will foster amazing conversation. At some point you and your beau will get together with friends and everyone will be jealous of your strong bond with your significant other.

**Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)**

This week may bring unexpected company to your dwellings. The people who seek your attention are not interested in worthless chitchat. They are more likely to want to discuss issues that affect all involved parties. Sit, think, and discuss these issues rationally. Using your intellect will help you achieve victory.

**Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)**

If you are a major computer junky, Sagittarius, you may find that your key-strokes produce better than normal work. Any writing, or web-design will be of higher quality this week. Your brain is in creative over drive.

**Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)**

Although the sun has moved out of your sign two weeks ago it still has strong power with you and the other water signs. This means that events should go your way in the matters of family, money, and romance at least for a little while yet.

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# Why war? How about ridding the world of terrorism?

By Timothy Burdis

We as Americans are in a constant danger. There are those who seek to dismantle all that we stand for- our liberties, our economy and our pursuit of happiness. Whether jealousy or radicalism- politics or economics; we as citizens must now live life by keeping an eye on those who seem suspects.

That's because of terrorist organizations that are small in membership, but large in effect. These terrorist organizations are difficult to pinpoint when attacked- there's no specific borders they control, and government they follow. The lack of a formal organization makes it close to impossible to wipe out the threat the pose.

They came onto the scene in recent years as a result of Japan's sneak attack on Pearl Harbor. It proved that you don't mess with the U.S. But now, with lack of accountability among these organizations, whom do you blame? It becomes vague in an international setting, BUT these organizations are still receiving funding and support from particular countries. They slide help such as money, manpower and information under the proverbial table while staring us in the eye above the table.

That is the situation we face today with Iraq- and we must send a message that harboring terrorism against the United States won't be stood for. There is sadly only one choice in the scene that has been set - war.

Let's look at all the details; North Korea

is in fact developing nuclear weapons. The contradiction that most see is why isn't America threatening war with President Kim Jong II. It's simple; North Korea attempted to develop these nuclear weapons in the 1990s as well, but they ceased testing in September of 1999 after speaking to president Clinton. Keep in mind; this is one year after Saddam Hussein kicked U.N. weapons out of Iraq and nothing was done.

North Korea has shown good faith before. We have no reason to believe that they won't comply. So wouldn't we look like real mongrels going to war with a country that has responded to international requests in past years? Hussein, on the other hand, has never shown good faith and talks end in a trail of lies and betrayal.

On Monday, Chief UN Weapons Inspector, Hans Blix, released his report about the ongoing inspections in Iraq. Blix stated that Iraq has been vague with its information about weapons and their locations. The report covered six key issues that Iraq has not complied with. Those include; nerve gas development, chemical warheads found and unaccounted for, anthrax stockpiles, illegal missiles, the blockage of U2 surveillance flights and the presence of military officials while inspectors question scientists.

In November of 2002 Iraq signed U.N. resolution #1441 that placed the burden of proof on Iraq to demonstrate its destruction of chemical and biological weapons. Point blank: they haven't proven anything.

They've tested deadly gas when they weren't suppose to, hidden chemical warheads that could only be used for one purpose, haven't demonstrated their destruction of infectious anthrax, have developed missiles beyond they're allotted distances, and are not cooperating with inspectors. How many chances do you give a fascist dictator who has proven himself a menace to the region?

Now, you may have heard that this is a politicized war over oil, that's simply untrue. We do not need Iraqi oil. The Daily Tarheel, The North Carolina University's school newspaper, reported in 1999 that Anwar, Alaska, a vast, barren land, contains the oil supply comparable to Saudi Arabia.

So if we needed oil at a cheap price, we would dig domestically in Anwar. Keep in mind it was Al Gore's environmental manifesto in 1999 that supported higher taxes on gasoline and included a BTU tax and a five cents per gallon tax. It's simple democrats who don't want domestic drilling and support higher taxes on gas. Now, they are saying Bush only wants to invade Iraq because of oil. I don't know who is feeding this to people, but please spit it out.

America's dependence on Iraqi oil increased between the years of 1994 and 2000, the Clinton/Gore years. It was only in June of this past summer that the Omnibus Energy Legislation looked to outlaw Iraqi oil imports. By August our import from Iraq was reduced from 1-million barrels per day (bpd) to 100,000 to 200,000 bpd according

to The Mid-East Times. Daily, this took \$20-million out of the hands of Saddam Hussein, that's money that was feeding his terror regime and suicide bombers throughout the mid to late 90's.

Is this war a necessity? Yeah it is. If you are against it because you are against all war, that's fine. You live in a country where you are allowed to have your opinion. But, if you are against this war because you don't like our president or you think there isn't enough proof. You're not looking at the cold facts.

U.N. chief weapons inspector, Hans Blix has demonstrated his problems with Hussein's regime creating weapons of mass destruction. So what is there to debate about; more time? If you need more time to find a smoking gun you are not just giving more time to inspectors but to a deadly man as well. Each day Iraq has is another day they can develop weapons to use on their neighbors, enemies and OUR troops. At the rate the weapons inspectors have been searching it would take them 300 years to find all the weapons they suspect Iraq to have, according to the White House.

It's not the inspectors fault, it's not the US's fault- it is Hussein's and Hussein's alone. He has brought the world to this because of his six-year cat and mouse game he has played.

So think back to 1991, remember watching the first Gulf War and get ready to watch it finished the right way in the next few months.

## Why should U.S. go to war?

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ment, and dusted off their nonexistent IRBM force like the Korean-speaking you-know-whos above the 38th Parallel?

Why, with all the problems we're already facing, why, for the love of God, are we pissing everyone off, scrapping for a fight, and in general creating new enemies? I am not a terribly paranoid person but when I reflect on Bush's background, I automatically worry about his intentions.

I mean, could this looming conflict Bush seems so determined to start just possibly have something to do with the vast petroleum reserves in Iraq, which we could either take over or simply let Iraq scratch them during the conflict with the same scorched-earth policy—burn the old fields and get rid of it all—that they attempted during the Gulf War? Check it out: Either the special interests steal plentiful amounts of oil from Iraq to sell to us after we 'liberate' it, or they just let the Iraqis destroy the oil during the attack and so the oil they already have in Texas becomes that much more valuable.

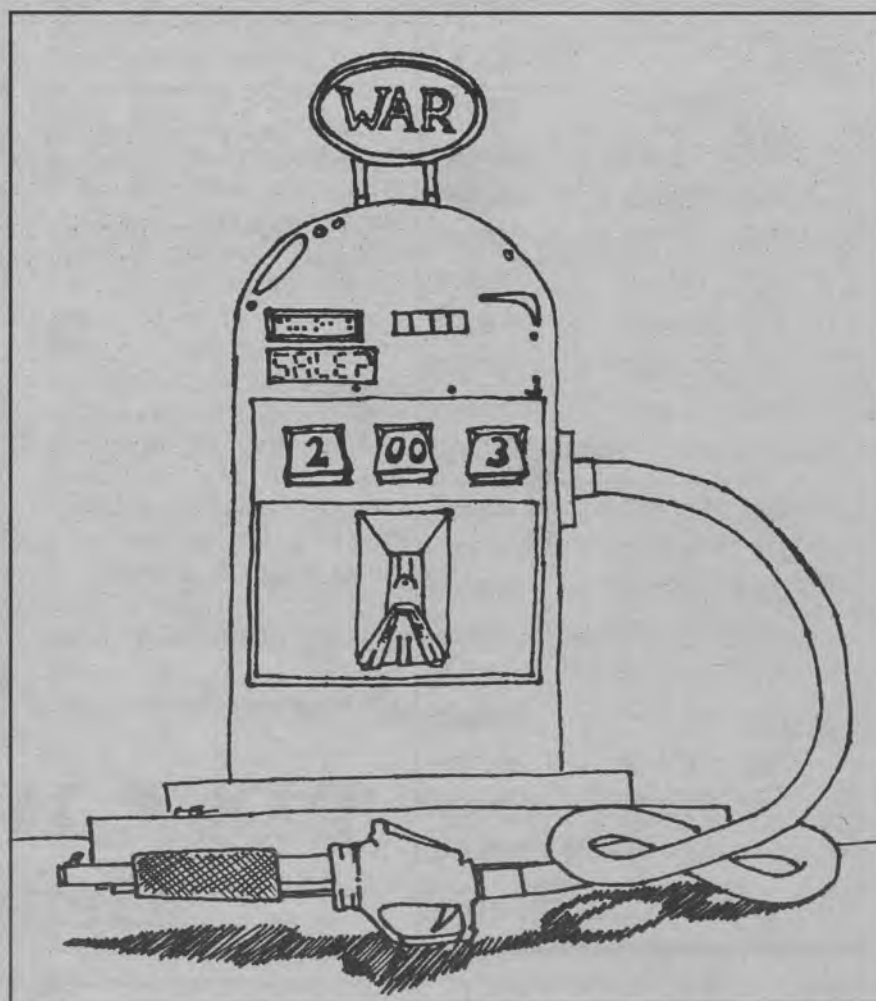
Look: I'm just as pissed as off as the next guy over 9/11, but I don't see the need of creating a scapegoat. And please don't hand me that !@#\$ that we're squeezing Iraq as part of a humanitarian

effort, because if we wanted to be humanitarian about things then we could merely pay off our UN debt and feed more starving people, such as the North Koreans, or maybe even the Iraqis themselves with that wonderful OIL FOR PEACE plan that everybody has been hypnotized into forgetting.

Let me remind you that it is costing us up to a billion dollars a week merely to prepare for the war. Is this helping jump-start the economy? It didn't work with the previous Bush Administration and it isn't going to work now. These are your tax dollars at work: Do you want your taxes to be used to help people or to kill people? Do the two wrongs of 9/11 and this contrived war against Iraq add up to a right? Think of the consequences of our actions after we win. Over a quarter billion Arabic-speaking people will hate us for our plunder. For Christ's sake, we are the United States, the Best Nation in the World; WE ARE SUPPOSED TO BE THE GOOD GUYS!

Snap out of it, folks! We can stop this! An e-mail to your government is but one small click away. If we must fight any war, then we are getting ready to fight the wrong war against the wrong enemy.

Are we actually going to let this happen?





## Commentary

## LeBron James is still just a kid

By Timothy Flynn  
Sports Writer

LeBron James slips and everyone in the arena, a standing room only gathering of 9,000 curious souls, simultaneously rises to their collective feet. Maureece Rice glides past James, pulls up from 12 feet out, and effortlessly pops the jumper. The crowd roars their approving chorus of "oohs" and "aahs" as the hometown hero takes the nationally renowned basketball prodigy to school.

## School.

It's hard to remember that these two are just seniors in high school.

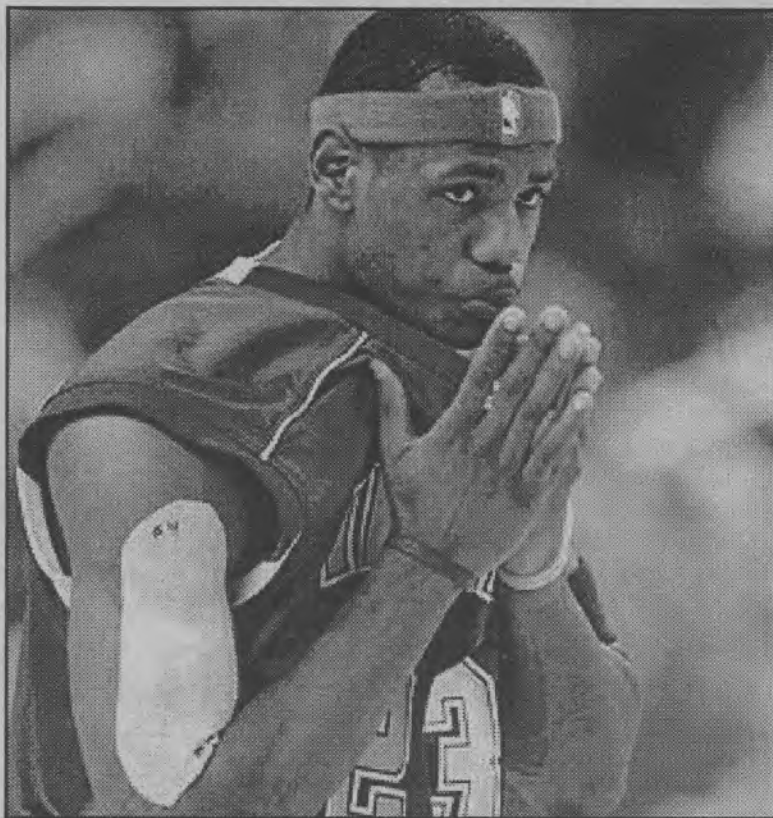
On one side, you have St. Vincent's/St. Mary's (Ohio) LeBron James, whose name is routinely mentioned in the same breath as Michael Jordan's. The phenom is widely projected to be the first overall pick in the NBA draft. After all, why go to college when you can make millions as fast as David Stern can call your name?

On the other hand, you have the star of Philadelphia's Strawberry Mansion High School, Maureece Rice, whose name is routinely mentioned in the same breath as Wilt Chamberlain's. After all, Rice, who is listed at a diminutive 6-foot tall, broke Wilt's 48 year-old city scoring record two games after taking on James and the Irish. College coaches dream about players with his vision of the court. Even Allen Iverson shows up to watch the kid.

## Kid.

It's hard to remember that they're just kids!

Sitting on the hard cramped concrete benches of the Palestra at the University of Pennsylvania, it's hard to remember that you're just watching a high school basketball game. As the fourth quarter wears on, the crowd clam-



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James was recently cleared for receiving a 2003 Hummer h2, equipped with three televisions and internet access. The \$50,000 SUV was a gift from his mother for his 18th birthday.

ors and begs Rice to take James on, one-on-one. Their teammates relent. The ball goes to the hands of Rice, who has already become another mark in Philadelphia's amazing lineage of high school basketball players. The moment Rice dribbles up the court, James moves over to guard him. It doesn't matter that Strawberry Mansion is losing by 30 points. The crowd rises to its feet and stays there, anticipating, waiting for something to happen.

Rice goes to the arc, crosses over, and steps forward into James, who falls back. Rice steps back and drains the three. The Palestra explodes.

Back and forth it goes, James versus Rice, Rice versus James. For five short minutes, all 9,000 fans were on their feet. They plunked down 23 dollars for a ticket, 12 dollars for parking, 10 dollars for the LeBron James commemorative T-shirt, and endured a line for the bathroom so long, you'd think you'd get Eagles' play-off tickets at the end of it. It didn't matter, though - those five minutes were, for those in attendance, the equivalent of basketball perfection, a show

of such skill and flair that one can't help but be impressed by these two kids.

It's hard to remember that they don't make a dollar for playing.

LeBron James' mother sits on the far side of the arena, handing out paper fans with her son's face printed on them. She bounces up and down every time her son makes a play, screaming at the top of her lungs, her oversize replica LeBron James jersey down to her knees. The partisan Philadelphia crowd tells her to sit down.

It's all just another stop on the LeBron James national tour. His St. Vincent's/St. Mary's team plays the best of the best, in Philly, North Carolina, California, Ohio - all over the country. Some of the games are nationally televised on ESPN2. How many high school players get Bill Walton broadcasting their games?

Does James deserve all the attention? Sure. He thinks nothing of going out every other night and draining 40 or 50 points against some hapless

team. He has NBA lottery teams like the Cavs and Nuggets dreaming. But this night at the Palestra, his skill is upstaged by his growing reputation. He's the best high school player in the country, maybe the best ever. "You should be here," a kid who couldn't be older than 15 tells someone on the other end of his cell phone. "You can watch him on TV. I think he's wearing green, or maybe gold. I think he's number 23." Guys bring their girlfriends to the game as a date. Older men, veterans of the Big 5 rivalries, come to gawk at James. The crowd gave the sense that the game was the biggest street-ball match-up in the history of the world.

Everyone is there, in true Philadelphia fashion, to root for the hometown team, but they just want to see him. It's only December 22, and the LeBron James hype machine has yet to overload itself, as it will as the NBA draft draws closer. All 9,000 fans want to rightly tell their grandchildren, "I saw LeBron James play before he was really famous."

And there's no doubt the kid will be famous. He already has offers for his own line of shoes. He drives a Hummer to school. H's been on the cover of Sports Illustrated and ESPN the Magazine. He hangs out with NBA stars.

It's just very hard to remember that he's a kid.



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James and Strawberry Mansion's Maureece Rice went to war before a packed house at the Palestra in Philadelphia on Dec. 22.

## Conference Standings

## Women's Hoops (as of 1-28-03)

Messiah	15-2, 6-0	.882
Leb. Val	12-3, 4-2	.800
Moravian	12-4, 4-2	.750
Susq. U.	10-4, 3-3	.714
Juniata	7-9, 3-3	.438
Widener	8-7, 2-4	.533
E-Town	5-12, 2-4	.394
Albright	1-13, 0-6	.071

## Men's Hoops (as of 1-28-03)

Moravian	11-5, 5-1	.688
Susq. U.	10-6, 4-2	.625
E-Town	10-6, 4-2	.625
Juniata	8-8, 3-3	.500
Widener	6-9, 3-3	.400
Leb. Val	7-10, 2-4	.412
Messiah	6-9, 1-5	.400
Albright	3-11, 2-4	.314

## Ice Hockey (as of 1-28-03)

Leb. Val	12-4-1, 9-1	.735
Johnson & Wales	10-7-0, 7-1	.558
Wentworth	11-3-2, 6-1-1	.750
UMass-Dart.	12-2-3, 6-2-1	.794
Fitchburg St.	9-6-1, 6-3	.594
Worcester St.	6-8, 5-2	.429
Curry	9-7, 5-3	.562
Suffolk	6-4-2, 4-3-1	.583
Salve Regina	7-8, 4-3	.467
Plymouth St.	4-6-3, 2-4-2	.423
W. New Eng.	1-5-2, 0-2-1	.250
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## League parity gives Men's basketball team hope

By Tyrone Broxton  
Sports Editor

The Lebanon Valley College men's basketball team had their season taken off life support after putting a halt to their five game losing skid on Saturday with a conference victory over Messiah College, 73-50.

Amazingly, in a painful-to-watch losing stretch that lasted nearly two weeks, the Dutchmen were in every game. Valley was first victimized by a nationally ranked Franklin and Marshall College team, 75-70, despite Jon David Byers' and Evan Harlor's heroic efforts from the field.

The dynamic duo combined for 41 points, with nearly 66-percent of those points coming off three balls, 9-of-15 shooting from long range to be exact. Darren Pugh meanwhile was held in check to just a bucket and six boards.

In a game that the Dutchmen shot an astonishing season-high 50-percent from the field, F&M decided to grit it out from the charity stripe and won the battle via making 25-of-26 second half free throws, while the Dutchmen were 11-of-18 on the night.

After absorbing the tough loss, that put the Valley at 6-6, the Dutchmen were licking their

chops at the opportunity of what should have been a relatively easy conference win over a struggling Albright Lion team that entered the match-up 2-7 overall.

But the Lions surprised the Dutchmen with a back-in-forth contest that saw eight lead changes. Albright escaped LVC with a 67-64 win. Byers and Harlor were the only players in double figures with 24 and 10 points, respectively.

A bit bummed about a missed opportunity and finding themselves under .500 for the first time in 2002-03, Valley was completely dominated by Widener University, 77-68, to lose their third straight road game.

The friendly confines of Lynch did not do the trick for the team either as defending conference champ Elizabethtown gave the Dutchmen loss number-four, 69-57. Byers led the team in scoring with 14 points, while Harlor and Jay Leader combined for 21.

Finally, to add insult to a miserable losing stint, Lebanon Valley in a performance to horrendous to recollect lost to Centennial Conference East opponent, Haverford College, 51-47.

"We're not doing anything drastically wrong, except turning over the ball too much," said



Photo courtesy of Sports Information

Sophomore sensation JD Byers has led the team in scoring 7-of-9 games this season, all of which have been defeats.

Harlor. "One of the keys is that we need to take care of the ball because that is limiting the looks we get at the basket."

Against the ropes and appearing ready to toss in the towel, the Dutchmen were able to wash off the stink on Saturday in a complete team domination of Messiah. Four of the five starters scored double-figures as Evan Harlor scored a game-high 18 points. Steve Buzinski posted career-high 14 points, while Pugh punched in 14 also. Valley won the turnover battle for the first time in three contest, committed just 13 miscues in the midst of forcing 25.

"We have to get our swagger

back," commented Buzinski during a WLVC interview, "during the preseason we knew we were the best team in the conference, but we haven't been playing like it. I think we're getting it back and once we do we're going to be dangerous."

It is now imperative for the Dutchmen to get cocky and win more than just two consecutive games, which has been the extent of any win streak this season, if they have any hopes of making their 12th straight playoff appearance. Currently, Valley is sixth in the league and will host Juniata before traveling to Moravian on Saturday.

## Inside the Numbers...

(as of 1-28-03)

### Men's Hoops

Points: (274) JD Byers

Pts/Game: (16.1) JD Byers

Boards: (204) Darren Pugh

Assists: (76) J.D. Byers

Steals: (21) J.D. Byers

Blocks: (23) Dave Kasyan

F. Goal %: (.545) D. Pugh

3-pt. %: (.410) Evan Harlor

### Women's Hoops

Points: (244) Steph Tighe

Pts/Game: (16.3) Steph Tighe

Boards: (152) Jen Northcott

Assists: (79) Crystal Gibson

Steals: (45) Erin Eaby

Blocks: (20) Tamika Rogers

F. Goal %: (.480) C. Gibson

3-pt. %: (.946) Erin Eaby

### Ice Hockey

Goals: (22) Brian Yingling

PP Goals: (7) Brian Yingling

Assists: (19) Rink & Kwon

Points: (39) Brian Yingling

Saves: (180) Sonny Holding

Pen. Min.: (30) Two Tied

Game Winners: (3) Yingling

## Women back on track after loss

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ward Stephanie Tighe as 16th in points per game (20.7). She was also fourth in free-throw percentage (93.8 percent, 45-of-48). Checking in at 15th in free-throw percentage (90.0 percent, 18-of-20) is sophomore guard Erin Eaby. Sophomore guard Crystal Gibson is tied for 12th in assists per game (5.9). In the rebounding department, sophomore center Jennifer Northcott was tied for 26th with 11.0 boards per game.

This season has been especially memorable for senior forward Stephanie Tighe, who exploded for a career-high 42 points and set three different school records in a bittersweet 98-94 overtime loss to Moravian College in Commonwealth Conference action on Dec. 7.

Tighe hit a pair of free throws, the 1,366th and 1,367th points of her career, with 1:13 left in regulation to move past Stephanie Smith '87 as Lebanon Valley's all-time leading scorer. Her 42 points marked an LVC single-game record, and her 19 free throws were also a Lebanon Valley single-game best. Amy Jo Rushanan '96 held both of the previous single-game scoring records, as she scored 38 points and made 15 free throws on Feb. 6, 1993.

Yet another record was broken as Lebanon Valley shot 53.4% from the field, a new LVC single-game record, in a 73-56 victory in non-conference action Monday evening at Alvernia College. LVC connected on 31-of-58 shots. The team's previous record occurred on Dec. 6, 2000, when the Valley shot 52.7% in a 73-70 win against Juniata College. Tighe, who scored a team-high 16 points, pulled to within 15 points of 1,500 for her career.

Not to be left in the cold are the up-and-comers of this Valley team. Freshman forward Nicole Dixon added one to her scrapbook as she posted her first career double-double with a team and career-high 16 points and 10 rebounds to lead the Valley to an 85-57 victory over Marywood University. In a solid overall performance, Dixon added three assists, two blocked shots and one steal in just 18 minutes of play.

These hard working women have nine regular season games remaining, eight of which are conference match-ups, will determine LVC postseason fate. The women's basketball team faces Juniata at home before traveling to Moravian to avenge their first loss of the season.

## Icers inching toward home ice advantage

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in a pivotal conference match up. In this thriller, freshman forward Brendon Herr scored the game-winning goal with 6:56 remaining; meanwhile, senior Scott Schilling added the icing on the cake with an empty netter.

The triumph gave Valley sole possession of first place in the

ECAC Northeast. This win is also their sixth-straight, and the Dutchmen have yet to suffer a defeat in 2003.

LVC Hockey is on the verge to yet another great season, and many questioned whether it could be done with the loss of the inaugural recruiting class.

Valley will continue their quest for a second consecutive regular season title in their next two home meetings on Feb. 1 versus Southern New Hampshire and on Feb. 7 in a rematch of last year's conference final against Wentworth Institute of Technology.

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**Dutchmen Blurbs...**

• On Dec. 7 Lebanon Valley women's basketball history was made, as senior forward **Stephanie Tighe** scored a career high 42 points versus Moravian to become first all-time in women's scoring history. She also set two other records in the feat: most points scored and most free-throws made in a single game. Tighe is just 15 points shy of eclipsing 1,500 career points.

• Senior **Brian Yingling** and freshmen **Sonny Holding** and **Brendon Herr** of the Lebanon Valley College ice hockey team were named to the ECAC Northeast weekly honor roll, the conference announced on Monday.

• The women's basketball team shot 53.4% from the field, a new LVC single-game record, in a 73-56 victory in non-conference women's basketball action Monday evening at Alvernia College. LVC connected on 31-of-58 shots. The team's previous record occurred on Dec. 6, 2000, when the Valley shot 52.7% in a 73-70 win against Juniata College.

• Former Lebanon Valley College ice hockey standout **Jamie Taylor '02** is competing professionally in Europe for the German team EC Weiswasser. Taylor joins Greg Kutchma '02 and Andy Panko '99 as LVC alumni competing as professional athletes. Kutchma is currently a member of the Flint Generals of the United Hockey League while Panko is the leading scorer for the Dakota Wizards of the Continental Basketball Association.

• Senior forward **Brian Yingling** remains a top the nation in Division III in goals per game with 1.29.

• Freshman **Isaac Greene's** set a new record in the 100-meter butterfly with a time of 1:05.76. The women's 800-meter free relay team set a new school record with a time of 10:45.21.

**ATHLETES OF THE WEEK**

Seniors **Brian Yingling** and **Stephanie Tighe** and freshman **Brendon Herr** have earned this week's *Sports Editor Athletes of the Week Awards* for their recent performances.

**Yingling** of the ice hockey team leads the nation in goals (1.29) and the team with 35 points. He is just three goals shy of 100 for his career.

**Tighe** became women's basketball all-time leading scorer with a career-high and record setting 42 point performance on Dec. 7.

**Herr**, came through in the clutch on Sunday in a battle for first place against Johnson & Wales, when he scored the game-winning goal in Valley's 6-4 win.

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**Back in First: Ice Hockey shows promise once again**

By Brian Andrews  
Sports Writer

After a slow start to their season, the hockey team recently has shown they have what it takes to win it all.

Last winter, the Dutchmen achieved their most successful year in program history. The Valley set a single-season school record for victories, finishing 23-4-1 overall and 13-1-1 mark in the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Northeast Division. During that stretch, LVC won 17 games in a row — which was the longest winning streak in the nation in 2001-02 — on the way to the team's first-ever ECAC Northeast regular season title, in just its fourth year of existence.

Last season was the

second straight year the Valley advanced to the ECAC Northeast championship game. This season, they are very capable of regaining the championship due to a very athletic freshman class.

Currently, the Dutchmen hold an overall record of 11-4-1 with great senior leadership in Brian Yingling and Ben Kwon. Last season, both men earned 1st team ECAC Northeast conference honors. Yingling finished the 2001-02 season with single-season school records in goals (27) assists (28) and points (55) and ended the year tied for second in the nation in goals per game (1.96).

Yingling is having

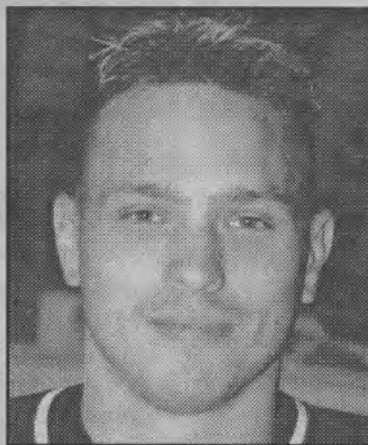


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Senior forward **Brian Yingling** is just a hattrick shy of the century mark in goals scored.

a stellar year, knocking 22 goals, 17 assists, and 39 points in 16 games. He is also only 3 goals away from a career 100 goals. Yingling has also received ECAC honors on 3 occasions so far this season.

In Kwon's 2001-02 campaign, he regis-

tered 36 points to finish second in the ECAC Northeast in defenseman scoring. He was also a focal point in the defensive unit that ranked third in the nation in scoring defense (1.71 goals per game). On the season, Kwon has recorded 3 goals and 17 assists for 20 points.

Valley has really come along since the beginning of the season. The freshman contributors are showing future promise as well, as they are emerging to help the team in goals, assists, and points.

One of the stand out freshman is Cameron Vandever, who has posted 5 goals, 7 assists, and 12 points thus far. He recently earned ECAC honors on Jan. 20, for his game-winning goal in

the Dutchmen's 2-1 win over Assumption College and added one goal and two assists in a 9-1 rout of Franklin Pierce.

In the net, freshman goalie Sonny Holding has done an outstanding job so far. He has registered 232 saves on 253 shots faced, and also posted two shut outs on the season. For his great play, Holding has earned ECAC honors on four different occasions as well.

"The game is pretty fast and once I got used to it was easy to pick up and I'm just glad that I'm able to help the team. We're coming together at the right time as a team," said Holding.

The Valley recently defeated Johnson & Wales University, 6-4

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**Tighe breaks record as Women rank among elite in the region**

By Dave Farris  
Sports Writer

The LVC women's basketball team is on track to having a historical season. The team, who currently stands at 12-3 overall and 4-2 in the Commonwealth Conference (as of 1-28-03), are on the fast track to matching or improving on last season's exceptional ledger of 23-5. Sitting second in the Commonwealth Conference, these ladies, who are breaking records left and right, are paving their own road to success.

These warriors of the hardwood have only face the disappointment of defeat three times this season. LVC lost a heartbreaking overtime game to Moravian College at the end of last semester and fell to 5-1. Gettysburg jumped to a 38-26 halftime lead and never looked back, as the Bullets held off LVC 68-62 in a non-conference game. Finally, in a rematch of last season's Commonwealth Conference championship game, Messiah College upended Lebanon Valley College 57-42 on Saturday. That loss placed Messiah first and unbeaten in the Commonwealth with LVC right on their tails in second.

In the Valley tradition, every victory has been achieved as a team and every milestone for these talented players has

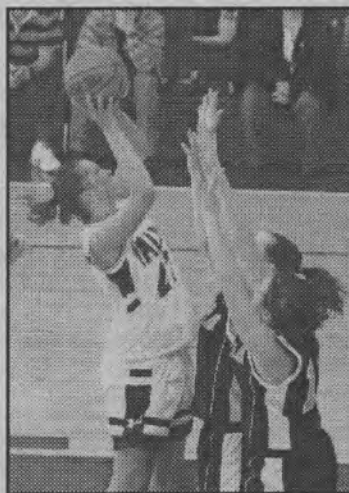


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**Tighe** notched a career-high 42 points on Dec. 7 to become first all-time in Women's basketball scoring history.

been achieved through a team effort. From this tradition, four different Lebanon Valley College women's basketball players are currently among the nation's statistical leaders, according to the most recent NCAA Division III report. The report, which included games through Jan. 5, listed senior for-

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**Swimming earns victories; Indoor track competes at S.U. invite**

Courtesy of Sports Information

**Swimming**

Two school records were broken as the Lebanon Valley College women's swimming team defeated Cabrini College 123-51 last week in a non-conference meet at the Arnold Sports Center.

The LVC women (2-6, 1-5 MAC) won its second meet in a row and won every event but one that was not forfeited as an exhibition, while the LVC men had its two meet win streak snapped.

The women's 800-meter free relay team set a new school record to highlight the day for the Valley. Junior Julia Falkner, sophomore Shannon Gamble, sophomore Joanna Tiedeken and junior Lauren Procopio teamed up to win the even in a record-breaking time of 10:45.21.

Several members of the men's team also swam for times and freshman Isaac Greene came away with his third LVC record of the season. Greene churned out a 4:32.11 clocking to break H. Spangler's 10-year school record of 4:35.70.

Picking up individual victories for the women's team were freshman Jenn Kush (200-meter free, 2:26.16), Tiedeken (50-meter free, 31.09), Falkner (200-meter free, 2:56.69), Procopio (100-meter back, 1:26.95) and Gamble (400-meter free, 5:40.11). In addition, the

200-meter medley relay team of Kush, Falkner, freshman Sam Meglino and Tiedeken took first in 2:19.13.

**Indoor Track**

Sophomore Jordan Newell, freshman LaToya Stewart and junior Amy Wagner were Lebanon Valley's top finishers Saturday afternoon at the first annual Susquehanna Invitational in the James W. Garrett Sports Complex. The non-scoring mee featured athletes from 15 schools.

Newell registered the highest finish for the men's team with his fourth-place showing in the high jump. He cleared 6-4 in the event for the second week in a row. In addition, Newell was seventh in the 55-meter hurdles (8.31). Junior Ben Mellich was also impressive, racing to a fifth-place finish in the 400-meter dash in 52.13 seconds.

Senior Tommy Kuhn also cracked the top eight for the Flying Dutchmen. Kuhn took seventh in the 55-meter dash in a time of 6.79 seconds.

Stewart and Wagner were the only members of the women's team who placed among the top eight in their respective events. Stewart was fourth in the high jump (4-10) while Wagner was also fourth in the pole vault (9-0).





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Photo taken by Jenny Larson

Community members, high school students, along with the LVC community held an anti-war rally on Feb. 1 outside in the Annville-Cleona Giant Shopping Center for two hours.

## LVC students take part in anti-war rally

By Jenny Larson

Students and faculty from Lebanon Valley College, along with other community members, participated in an anti-war protest organized by the Lebanon Valley Peace Coalition on Saturday, Feb. 1 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in front of the Cleona Giant Shopping Center on Route 422. The Coalition, recently created, is made up of the already-existing LVC club Students Advocating Global Awareness and other peace activists from the area.

Organizers estimate that there may have been as many as 50 protesters marching on the sidewalk at one point during the event. Participants carried

signs with messages ranging from, "No Iraq War," to "Who would Jesus Bomb?" and "Peace is Patriotic."

According to sophomore religion major Jordan Miller, co-president of SAGA, the group received a mostly positive response from passing drivers. "We got a lot of honks, a lot of waves, a lot of smiles and thumbs up," said Miller, "and there were only a few hecklers."

Miller was pleased by the number of people who came to the protest, particularly those from the College. He knew of at least 10 faculty members and nearly as many students who attended, and blames the weather for there not being more. "It was a Saturday morning, and it was rain-

ing and sleeting," he said.

Dr. John Hinshaw, assistant professor of history at LVC and SAGA's faculty advisor, was also pleasantly surprised with how many people showed up. "It's pretty common to have half as many people come as you think are going to come and then stay half as long, especially with bad weather. But twice as many people came and stayed twice as long," said Hinshaw. "I think it was the biggest anti-war rally this area has seen in 20 or 30 years."

An officer from the Cleona Police Department said that the city didn't mind the protestors being there as

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## Christian music festival comes to LVC

By Matthew J. Brandt

The Christian Music Festival makes a second return to Lebanon Valley College's Arnold Sports Center. On Feb. 15, from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m., 11 bands will be taking the stage, singing a variety of different styles of Christian music. Admission is free for LVC students. The event is sponsored by Light in the Valley.

The festival is organized and run entirely by students. Shila Williams, a sophomore, will be helping out for the second year in a row.

"I'm most looking forward to getting to see the different bands and experience the wide variety of Christian music artists that's available in today's society," Williams said.

Raffles, food and basketball are other highlights of the day, in addition to the music. Lauren Davis, a junior, is the festival's organizer for the second year in a row, after being instrumental in its creation last year.

"It all started with a man named Matt Ralph, who brought Christian concerts to LVC. He needed someone to replace him when he graduated. I decided to take that position and fill it to the best of my ability. After bringing Knowdaverbs to LVC, our budget seemed to be running tight, which gave me the idea to have a festival where the bands play for free and we can still worship God," Davis said.

Just one person couldn't manage an event of this magnitude. Davis has help from nearly 50 individuals, from on and off campus, each of whom shares a goal to see the festival succeed and, also, to enjoy the day. Sarah Boal, a senior, is one person who holds this goal.

"I'm involved with Christian Music Festival because it's a great opportunity to spread the Gospel of Jesus and bring contemporary Christian artists to a community that doesn't normally have an opportunity to go to an event of this kind," she said.

College Chaplain D. Darrell Woomer has assisted with the preparations, with advice and financial help, and he, too, looks forward to the event.

"I feel the students have done a wonderful job in preparation and it's a great event to reach out to the community," Woomer said.

With everyone helping all ready, organized and geared up, this event looks to be just as exciting for those attending. Williams said, "I'm excited-excited for the bands and excited for the people coming."

## Wig & Buckle presents winter musical

By Lisa Landis  
Features Editor

The Wig and Buckle Dramatic Society will present its winter musical, *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, across two weekends, Feb. 21-23 and Feb. 28-March 2.

"It's an amazingly funny show," said Rebecca Grudzina, *Forum's* assistant director. "Huy Nguyen [the artistic director who selected the play] knew the bawdy, physical humor would be perfect for the actors we have here at LVC."

*Forum*, the first Broadway play containing music and lyrics from American

composer Stephen Sondheim, is based directly on the works of the ancient Roman playwright Plautus. The plot centers around a slave named Pseudolus who would do anything to win his freedom. Pseudolus gets his chance when he is left in charge of his master's son who has fallen in love with a beautiful girl. The son promises to grant Pseudolus his freedom if he can arrange a marriage before the father returns, and a tangled web of hilarity ensues.

The cast includes Nick Curry, Scott Payonk, Dave Ingalls, Mike Gamon, Natalie Dize, and Jess Moyer, as well as Jeremy Rea, Dan Komorowski, Sean

Flowers, and Mark McGuire, among others.

Jen Rovito serves as musical director of *Forum*, with Heather Culbertson as assistant music director. Stage manager is Linda Martz, with John Brent as assistant stage manager. *Forum's* producer is Liz Pierce.

"The cast has an amazing chemistry and we have lots of laughs," said Grudzina. "The way it's shaping up, this is going to be a brilliant comic production."

Tickets for *Forum* can be ordered by calling ext. 6162 or purchasing them at the door.

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# Bush makes promises in his State of the Union address

By Douglas Moser

President Bush addressed the nation on Tuesday, Jan. 28, outlining an aggressive agenda for the coming year in his annual State of the Union address.

The first half of Bush's nearly hour-long speech focused on domestic proposals, including economic stimulus through accelerated tax cuts, reforms for Medicare and Social Security, faith-based initiatives, and new energy proposals.

Bush reiterated his recent stance that tax cuts passed in 2001, scheduled to diminish every few years, should be "made permanent and effective this year." The president also outlined a new centerpiece to further tax legislation: elimination of dividend taxes.

"To boost investor confidence, and to help the nearly 10 million seniors who receive dividend income, I ask you to end the unfair double taxation of dividends," he said.

Bush spoke briefly on Social Security and Medicare. He repeated his call for private-investment retirement accounts as an alternative to federally subsidized Social Security benefits. The president's Medicare proposal offered \$400 billion over 10 years to bolster the program and to add a prescription-drug benefit.

Another of Bush's proposals promoted faith-based initiatives "to encourage acts of compassion that can transform America one heart and one soul at a time."

One of the most surprising aspects of his domestic agenda was a commitment

to invest \$1.2 billion in the development of hydrogen-powered automobiles. Bush said hydrogen power was a priority "to make our air significantly cleaner and our country much less dependent on foreign oil."

The second half of the speech was dedicated to Iraq, where the president tried to paint Iraqi President Saddam Hussein as a threat with ties to terrorism.

Bush stressed his administration's assertion that Saddam is hiding weapons of mass destruction from United Nations weapons inspectors and that he "could provide one of his hidden weapons to terrorists, or help them develop their own."

"The dictator of Iraq is not disarming," he said. "To the contrary, he is deceiving."

To counter critics who say the United States should wait until an imminent threat is discernible, Bush said, "Since when have terrorists and tyrants announced their intentions, politely putting us on notice before they strike?"

"Trusting in the sanity and restraint of Saddam Hussein is not a strategy and it is not an option," he said.

The short Democratic response, given by Gary Locke, the relatively unknown governor of Washington State, focused primarily on domestic issues.

Locke criticized Bush's economic proposals as "irresponsible," saying that they helped the few over the many and passed "the bill to our children and grandchildren through exploding budget deficits for years to come."

Locke sketched the Democrats' counterproposals, offering federal money for

homeland security, education and health care, as well as promoting modest tax cuts for middle and working class families.

"Under the president's proposal to eliminate taxes on stock dividends, the top one percent 'that's people who earn over \$300,000' would get more tax relief than the bottom 95 percent of taxpayers combined," Locke said.

Global reaction to Bush's speech, mostly limited to his statements on Iraq, was predictable. British Prime Minister Tony Blair, whose country has already committed troops to a possible invasion of Iraq, praised the president, according to CNN.

"President Bush set out very eloquently why we need to take action to ensure that Saddam is disarmed," Blair said.

Two key allies weary of war were unmoved by Bush's speech. France and Russia continued to push for more time for the weapons inspectors.

"We are guided by the principles of international law and the prerogatives of the Security Council," said Russian foreign affairs spokesman Alexander Yakovenko. "We do not see grounds for the use of military force."

French foreign minister Dominique de Villepin said, "The responsibility of the international community is immense. It is a choice one must not make lightly."

Germany, meanwhile, repeated its total opposition to war. Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder was quoted by Reuters as saying, "The international situation, especially the crisis over Iraq is worrying me. I am worried about whether we will succeed in avoiding a war in Iraq."

## Lebanon Valley Chamber of Commerce hosts economic forecast breakfast

By Lisa Landis  
Features Editor

The U.S. economy will see a transition to better days, the managing director and chief economist of Allied Investment Advisors said last Thursday.

At the 2003 Economic Forecast Breakfast, hosted by the Lebanon Valley Chamber of Commerce and the Lebanon Valley Economic Development Corporation, Dr. Robert Sweet was optimistic. "Things are looking better throughout the country economically," he said.

"We're coming off a good year," he added. "We've had our recession." Sweet noted that the U.S. had an excellent third quarter in 2002, and he believes that the fourth quarter will also show positive growth, though not as much. Overall, Sweet estimated that the country's economy grew at a rate of 2.8 to three percent in 2002.

Sweet also forecasted that the growth would continue this year, predicting a growth rate of 3.1 percent in 2003. He also noted that this growth was not large enough to cause inflation, or rising prices, to be a worry. Unemployment, too, seemed to have reached a peak of about six percent, Sweet said.

Although interest rates have been kept fairly low, said Sweet, corporations and businesses are not borrowing, mainly because they don't see the demand for their products rising yet. Typically, he added, consumer demand goes up at the end of a recession.

Sweet noted that the past three years have been the first time since 1939-1941 that the U.S. has faced three consecutive years of down stock markets. "I think we will go back to positive territory," Sweet said. "The market will close on the upside (this year)."

In addition, President Bush's push for the end of the double taxation of dividends (taxed once when businesses receive the profits and again when stock holders receive their dividends from the stock) could add to the economy. While Sweet said that he didn't think that double taxation would be ended in its entirety, he did think that enough dividend receipts would be excluded to add about 4/10 of a percent to the economy.

Despite his positive outlook, Sweet still has three concerns about our economy. "We have to have a resolution of the situation in Iraq," he said. "The worst situation for the economy is uncertainty." Second on his list was corporate governance. "People need to have confidence in corporate officers," Sweet added. Finally, Sweet wanted to see improvements in securities analysts and accounting.

"These corrections are taking place," Sweet concluded. "The investor can feel more confident in the product."

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# College Republicans show support for war with Iraq

By Jenny Larson

The Lebanon Valley College chapter of the College Republicans is doing what they can to express their support of the U.S. government and its actions in Iraq.

They recently put up table tents in the cafeteria listing Iraq's transgressions and urging students and other campus members to support the United States in its actions around the world. The club also held a "Be a patriot, support America" demonstration on Tuesday in the College Center. The group handed out pins supporting patriotism and asked supporters to sign a poster with an American flag. When they have gathered enough signatures, they plan on sending the poster on to the White House to show their

support for President Bush.

The club's secretary, Marcus Nauman, a sophomore physical therapy major, thinks that their point of view is often played down on campus. "It sometimes seems like the more left or liberal side is always expressed here," said Nauman, "so we're pretty avid on trying to get out the other view, the other side of the coin. We're trying to show that there are always two perspectives."

Nauman thinks it's harder for their organization to show support for their beliefs since, "peace rallies are much more popular than war rallies." He says they may still look into holding a pro-U.S. rally in the community.

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# LVC residents attacked in recent Lebanon Daily article

By Joe Candio and Timothy Burdis  
Editor and Staff Writer

I remember one day when I was younger I visited my sister at college. There were beer cans all around the street, liquor bottles smashed cigarette butts all around- and bon fires. That was a riot at State College and people back then had a right to complain. But today, those who live in Annville feel in the last six years, Lebanon Valley increased its enrollment 49 thousand and throw parties that last all semester long.

According to an article published in last week's Lebanon Daily News, Annville residents feel that Lebanon Valley students are infringing on their right to have a peaceful life. The paper reported that residents said, "party-goers throw beer cans in the streets, urinate in their yards and honk horns while driving by their houses."

Now, these complaints seem similar to those any college town may have, but let's break down these specific complaints. First, party-goers throw beer cans. Well, if you drive down any section of Route 934 or 422 you will see a highway littered with debris. And in-fact, litter is a problem of every community, but because they are beer cans it is easy to identify that specific litter to college students.

The open-alcohol container ordinance actually creates the problem of littering beer cans. For instance, if a 21 year-old student leaves their home, picnic, or a party, with a beer can, because the ordinance states that anyone caught with an open container of alcohol will be arrested and fined. So beer

cans are littered so that people don't get caught by the Annville Township Police.

As for public urination, we can't justify that. But give the students of LVC some credit- public urination is done by high school students, to adults- everyone publicly urinates, that's why there are laws against it everywhere.

Honking horns!! Come on! This is just about the most ridiculous thing I've heard let alone read in the Lebanon Daily. You know I think I'd move too. There is too much of a metropolis feel to this area. The constant bombardment of traffic on routes 934 and 422 would drive anyone insane, let alone the orchestral symphony of horn honking. Not to mention, when LVC students go driving around, we purposely swing by houses and honk our horns.

You know what's funny, is how Annville residents, and not all of them, but it seems most, complain about LVC and yet the town of Annville gets some mighty good benefits from this school. The community has access to an advanced library. They can come and get work done, surf the web, check out books, CDs, VHS movies, and DVD movie.

Besides the library, how about the state of the art health center Annville residents have access to. Annville residents can come and enjoy a top notch fitness center, with top of the line Nautilus workout machines and free weights. Granted it's not free and there is a membership fee that Annville residents have to pay, but if it wasn't for our stu-  
dents' tuition, Continued on page 4

# Online registration is being revamped

By Cassandra Hoadley  
News Editor

As we all think back to registration for this semester's classes, most likely the overall feeling isn't so cheerful. We all know the glitches we ran into and the reasons for them.

Just to let you know, IT Services is working hard to make sure registration for next fall goes much smoother. Just last week a group of approximately thirty students

helped out IT Services by doing a test registration.

The good news: the web server didn't crash! Students encountered normal error messages and no major problems were encountered.

Now IT Services and the Web Registration Committee are working on developing the best way to break down all the students for the coming registration. Keep your eyes open for more upcoming news!

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# SAGA calls for peace not war with Iraq

Continued from page 1 long as they stayed within the law, which requires that people on city sidewalks must be constantly moving. The Police Department did increase patrols around the area while the protest was going on.

Miller is excited about SAGA's new partnership with the Lebanon Valley Peace Coalition, and hopes that it will lead to more activity like the protest in this area.

"We can't expect to change most people's minds," said Miller, "and we aren't trying to change people's minds. All we can hope to do is to support people who think the way we do and may not realize that there are other people out there thinking the same way."

He and Eric Saner, a sophomore music recording technology major and SAGA's other co-president, were looking to get their club involved in something in the community when a peace activist from Lebanon contacted them. "Between us we contacted all of our people and it just kind of branched out," Miller said.

This is not the first protest that Saner, Miller and others from the College have been involved in. The two presidents of SAGA attended an anti-war march with over 200,000 other protestors in Washington on April 20, 2002, and others spent this year's Martin Luther King Day, Jan. 18, in the capital at another gathering, which attracted close to 500,000 peace activists.

In addition to these events in big cities, Hinshaw thinks it's important to have events like the protest in places like Cleona: "It's easy to say 'There's people protesting in Washington and New York, but they're always doing that.' Lots of people around the world think that this [war] is a very dangerous course of action, and this brings that discussion right into Lebanon County."

Some members of the LVC campus disagree with SAGA and the Coalition's views on the situation in Iraq. Marcus Nauman, a sophomore physical therapy major and secretary of LVC's College Republicans, feels that they are being unrealistic. "They are very peace oriented and sort of think they're living in a utopia," said Nauman. "Everybody wants peace, but they want it on their own terms, and in reality in today's world you can't have that."

SAGA and the College Republicans have not come together to debate the topic yet, but both sides hope to hold a panel or other sort of public discussion about the United States actions in the Middle East in the future.

The Lebanon Valley Peace Coalition is planning another peace rally on February 15 from 11 p.m. to 1 p.m. in the same location as the first protest. Those interested in going, but who need help getting transportation to the site, or people who want to get involved with SAGA can e-mail Jordan Miller at [jomiller@lvc.edu](mailto:jomiller@lvc.edu) for more information.

## College Republicans call for end to Iraqi situation

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Ronald Stump, a senior history major and member of the College Republicans, feels that the USA would be shirking in its duty as a world power if they allowed the situation in Iraq to continue. "Absolutely no one likes war," said Stump, "however, this ongoing situation with Iraq and Saddam Hussein has the potential of getting worse and worse. Saddam has constantly violated UN sanction after sanction, including the Universal Declaration of Human Rights." A copy of this declaration can be found at <http://www.un.org/Overview/rights.html>.

Stump is tired of hearing critics talk

about President Bush creating a war just to distract Americans from the weak economy and increase support for his administration. "This war is about doing what is right – removing a cruel dictator from power," he said.

In addition to showing support for the Republican Party, the College Republicans are involved in other political activities throughout the year, such as working on area political campaigns and organizing political debates on campus for local races. Anyone interested in joining the club, or finding out more about it can e-mail the club's president, Pat Buenger at [jbuenger@lvc.edu](mailto:jbuenger@lvc.edu).

## Vagina monologues a huge success

By Maria Perozzi

On February 9, the Sexual Assault Resource and Counseling Center in Lebanon County (SARCC), R/K Productions, and the Allen Theater presented The Vagina Monologues (TVM). It was the first production ever in Lebanon County (surprise surprise). All proceeds from the production benefited SARCC and the sexual assault victims of Lebanon County. The Allen was sold-out with eager women AND men waiting to see the performance.

Thirteen women of all ages, festively dressed in red and black, took the stage at the Allen to perform the piece written by Eve "Vagina Lady" Ensler, an award-winning playwright, poet, activist, and screenwriter. In The Vagina Monologues, Ensler shamelessly explores the humor, power, pain, and mystery hidden in the vagina. The monologues are based on interviews Ensler conducted with over 200 women of all walks of life.

These 13 performers gave voices to a chorus of lusty, outrageous, emotional, original, brave, and thoroughly human stories. The topics of the monologues included rape, menstruation, childbirth, lesbian experiences, synonyms for vaginas, realizations of orgasmic capacities, reclaiming the word "cunt" (imagine 13 women chanting this taboo-tainted word for an entire minute), vagina workshops, as well as some vagina fun-facts. For example, did you know that the clitoris is the only organ in the body designed purely for purpose? It contains 8,000 nerve fibers (twice the number found

in the penis). As one of the performers stated, "Who needs a handgun when you've got a semiautomatic?" Also, several other facts about what happens to women in other countries, such as mutilation and rape, were interspersed.

Despite what many critics think, The Vagina Monologues is not a girls-only male-bashing session in attempt to reduce the male race. There is nothing that would even remotely offend men. Surprise them? Perhaps. Amuse them? Definitely. Teach them something huge and unforgettable? It's hard to imagine anyone, male or female, who didn't walk out of the Allen feeling a little smarter and much bolder.

Born out of The Vagina Monologues is V-Day (The "V" standing for Vagina, Victory, and anti-Violence), a movement to end violence toward women. In 1997, Ensler met with a group called Feminst.com in 1998, and on February 14, 1998, the first V-Day was celebrated. At this event, famous women such as Whoopi Goldberg, Susan Sarandon, Winona Ryder, Marisa Tomei, Calista Flockhart, Lily Tomlin, Margaret Cho, and so many others joined together to perform TVM.

In that one evening, they raised over \$100,000 and launched the V-Day movement. Since then, Alanis Morissette, Claire Danes, Kate Winslet, Melanie Griffith, and many others have joined Ensler's army. Since 1997, millions of dollars have been raised for this campaign. Ensler says she longs for the day when she will no longer need to tell her stories and TVM goes out of business.

## Annville residents make a complaint

Continued from page 1 there wouldn't even be a health center to come and workout in or play their nightly games of tennis.

Let's not forget to mention the fact that LVC donated money for the new Streetscape Project. The numbers that LVC donated has been reported to be a significant amount. If you expect to reap the benefits of a college town, Annville residents must also expect the cons of a college town.

LVC also provides so much for the community besides facilities. We offer high profile speakers, entertainers, different cultural

events, and provide continuing education for all people.

So, don't stereotype all of LVC's students. There are a few bad apples, but don't assume the whole bunch of LVC students are the same.

Now, a new ordinance is in the works, and if passed, will only allow three unrelated residents to live together, and also give LVC students personal information to the Annville police before LVC students even move in their home. A public hearing on this matter has been scheduled for April 7 at 6:30 p.m., and LVC students will attend.





# Let Loose and Love a Little

By Greg Couturier

Are you looking for a sappy piece of pre-Valentines Day reading that will tear at your heartstrings and make you weep over lost loves? Are you looking for a mushy article to read about how innately good and loving we as humans all are? If so, I probably can't tear at your heartstrings, but I can sure give you an adequate helping of mush. So read on.

In the words of Lee Ann Womack, "Loving might be a mistake, but it's worth making." Why is it worth making, though? Why do we subject ourselves to all of the bitterness and heartbreak for those weeks, or months, or maybe even years of happiness before it all falls apart? Why do we risk the tears and the pain if it's entirely likely that any given relationship probably isn't going to last forever? Why, oh why, do we expose our hearts to those who would do them harm?

It's fairly simple, really. We do it because we're searching for that person who will change our lives forever. When you fall down you've got to pick yourself back up and try again...sure that's cliché, but I for one have often lost track of this goal, this constant search, several times in the past. My "Gumpism" for the day is this: "My mamma used to always say that every girl you date should teach you something about what you would or would not like

in a spouse." Well, Ma, I failed to heed your advice for a while, but I do believe I'm finally seeing the wisdom in your words. It is our human nature to search for a life partner, a companion to live in accord with until our dying days. Dating merely embodies this search.

Sure, this is all fine, but what happens when you're in a committed relationship? How do you know when you are invested in something worthwhile, or if you are just wasting your time? Some may disagree, but I would say that as long as your dating is motivated by a genuine trust and love for a person, you are not wasting your time. If you are squandering your time, the odds are that you've known it for a while, but have been too stubborn to admit it.

For a little insight into the love life of someone who is actually involved in a long term relationship, I decided to consult with my faithful roommate Jeff Albright. With a hint of longing in his voice, he sagely offered up this bit of insight: "If complications arise, you have to look deep within yourself and follow your heart."

Maybe it's as simple as that. Maybe all it takes to figure out the worth of any given relationship is some serious soul searching. Emotions can sway back and forth, but ultimately that yearning in your

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# Don't let this Hallmark holiday get the best of you, it's just another day

By Cassandra Hoadley  
News Editor

It's right around the corner, in fact, it's tomorrow. Yes, that wonderful Hallmark holiday, the day of love and romance for some and the day of dread for others. February 14th - Valentine's Day.

Some of you may remember that I wrote an article on this very holiday for last year's Valentine's Day issue. As I look back on what I wrote, I have to admit I may have been influenced by that very thing that is supposed to be celebrated, romance. Therefore, currently not in a relationship, I'm looking at the holiday a bit differently this year.

This year, I'd like to send my article out to all you other single girls and guys on campus.

Ok, so even I am not exactly looking forward to this day of love and affection. It seems that you can't go to the grocery store, Wal-mart, or the mall without seeing pink and red hearts with cupid's shooting "magical arrows." What is it about this day that can cause so many at the very least to be down or at the worst shed a few tears? I venture to say that it is not necessarily being single, but the fear of never finding that special someone.

I'll admit there are a few days when I will look around at the couples on campus and wonder, "When

will that be me?" or "Am I the only single person here?" However, most days I am very happy being me, regardless of not being in a relationship. Why should I, or any of you, let a greeting card holiday make us worry about the tomorrows instead of enjoying today? I challenge all of you out there to stop worrying about finding someone and enjoy your life the way it is. Ok, so maybe it isn't always fun being single, and it is scary wondering if there is someone out there for you, but think of all the other people that are in your life, friends, family, professors; you aren't alone! Don't let Valentine's Day make you think you are. As I said last year, there's someone special out there, just live your life, and hopefully fate will lead you to him or her.

In any case, don't sit in your room tomorrow night while your roommate and her boyfriend go out or while all your "coupled" friends enjoy their romantic dinners. Go out, visit someone, go to the movies, give someone a call, do something! There are plenty of us on campus that aren't spending Valentine's Day getting flowers and candy. So let it go and have a good night!

And, of course I can't forget all of you involved hopeless romantics; enjoy your loved ones and have a good time, too. Happy Valentine's Day all!



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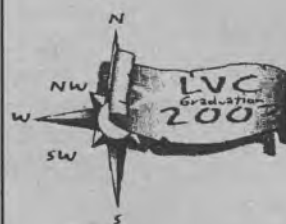
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## Everyone's special on V-Day

By Ottavio D'Angelis

This Valentine's Day I want you to realize that you are all very special

Having recently arrived back on campus from that wild and wooly working world, and having yet made few close friends or attachments at the Valley, I can write an opinion piece on the subject of Valentine's Day unflinchingly. I can write it from my heartstrings, having loved and lost, and finding myself still alive to tell the tale, let me enlighten you:

You, and the life you lead, and the people you know ...are special. You are a part of this totally wonderful cross-section of people who are determined to head out into the world with a college degree. You are part of what Tom Wolfe would call The Great Student Network.

Sociology majors have learned that the majority of marriages are statistically linked to the physical closeness, of males and females living in the same region for a period of time. In Biology they call this your habitat. Studmeisters will call it a pond to fish, catch, and throw their catch back into -

whether they use a single lure or if they catch with a net. There are seductresses who enjoy being chased in quantity. Some shall pan for gold, find, and keep it, and some shall pine away with loneliness. This is all right. It's all right because you have no idea how lucky you are. Your world is so completely different from the outside world in a number of ways. The post-college dating scene is the most thoroughly completely different thing from collegiate dating I think ever existed.

Now, my case is extreme because I was a consultant and moved from place to place. I gathered a little moss here and again, am grateful for the girlfriends I've had, have enjoyed myself, and continued rolling onward and ultimately back to my favorite home that is this college, to finish my degree. Each new movement brought a different place, a different environment, ... and, yes... a different set of Singles stuff to deal with. You have NO IDEA how wonderful it is to be relatively young in a sea of young people. In the OUTSIDE WORLD

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## Valentine's Day celebrations

By Timothy Burdis

It's getting close for another church-related holiday that was taken over by Hallmark-Valentine's Day. This self-gratifying (or demeaning) holiday can really carry a lot of clout. For instance, if you have someone, it really makes you feel good, even if you don't like your significant other; you still have something to look forward to. Of course, if you don't have someone you really get a "better luck next time" sentiment.

So, here I'm supposed to give some suggestions for the V-day celebration. Well, this is going to depend on a couple of issues about this couple. Obviously, you have a partner or else you would have turned the page to read some article about Jamal Mashburn or something by Flynn. But the real question isn't whether you have a partner, but what kind of partner?

If it's the kind who's still hanging around since you and your Uncle Jager met this per-

son last week at the U.G.- a subtle date's better for you. My suggestion: hit up a movie; it'll be dark in there, you don't have to talk (or better yet, listen to them), and all in all it's a perfect way to ease out of that 20 minute mistake.

Now, maybe this is a new relationship, but you care about this person. So you're thinking "Hey author, how do I get them into the backseat of my second-base mobile?" Unfortunately, I can't give you any advice that wouldn't result in serious meetings with the Dean. So you might be on your own for this one, unless you have access to a kitchen. If you've got one of them and the floor isn't covered with natty ice, make a dinner. The thought alone is impressive enough and could result in consensual post-dinner activities.

Then, of course, there's the long-standing mate. This one is pretty easy. Guys, any

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## Thoughts from the Editor

If anyone is interested in writing for *La Vie* or would like to see an article on something specific, you are encouraged to attend meetings held every Monday at 6 p.m. in the College Center, or contact Editor Joe Candio at 868-5723.

This issue of *La Vie* is dedicated to LVC's Men's Soccer Team, and to those men and women who are single on Valentine's Day, join the club.

Ahh, Valentine's Day. Yep, that's all I have to say about that.

This issue has a couple of fascinating articles. One deals with the anti-war protest. I'd

make my comments on that, but nope. As for the Annville residents complaining about LVC students, give us a break.

In **Sports...** *Tim Flynn* explains why you should go to a women's basketball game. *Brian Andrews* writes about Brian Yinglings latest feat, while *Dave Farris* introduces us to the goaltenders. Sports Editor *Tyrone Broxton* shares inspirational performances from his recollection in a commentary. As always Duthemen Blurbs...Athletes of the Week, Stats and Standings. Enjoy!

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## V-day not just for couples

By Nadeen Kabia

It's that time of year again! The flowers, heart shaped cards, the balloons, and inseparable couples. If you already haven't figured it out, it's Valentine's Day, the time when loved one's express their feelings for one another with boxes of chocolates and love poems. It's a great time of year to be in love, but what happens when you are not?

This is the first time in about two years that I will be single for Valentine's Day. Only now do I understand why some people cannot stand the dreaded "F words" February fourteenth. It's not that there is anything wrong with Valentine's Day; actually, the idea of the day is very romantic. Presents are exchanged, couples have

romantic outings and thoughtful cards are passed around.

However, while love struck couples are happily exchanging boxes of chocolates, single people like myself rather O.D. on a box. Well, what can I say, it's not easy being single on Valentine's Day. However, for those of you who do have someone to share it with, make the time special.

Life is so stressful at times that we forget how to appreciate and show one another how much we care. Even if you don't have a significant other, show someone special in your life whether they are your parents, friends, or siblings that you care. And to all the members of the lonely-hearts club...I love you, if no one else does. Happy Valentine's Day.

## Don't miss those reality shows

By Stacey Slowik  
Business Manager

It's 9 o'clock; do you know where your friends are? I bet they are glued to the television waiting to which guy Trista will kick off of "The Bachelorette" this week, or which wannabe pop star will be kicked off of American Idol. It seems that reality shows are taking over television sets across America, including college students. So if you haven't started watching reality TV yet, here's how you can waste an entire week in front of the TV.

Starting on Monday, you can tune into "Joe Millionaire" on Fox at 9 p.m. This high quality program offers a group of twenty-something, career oriented women who have now decided they would like to meet the man of their dreams through the magic of television. As each of these women fight to win the heart of Evan, the believed to be multimillionaire who will choose one of these women to be his bride at the end of the show. It seems simple, but there is one catch. Evan is not the proud new owner of \$50 million just inherited from a deceased relative. He is actually a construction work with the social manners of a wild animal and a yearly income of \$19,000. Viewers will have to wait until Feb. 17 in order to see whom Evan chooses, and how she takes the news that he is not a millionaire.

The second season of "American Idol" is on Tuesday nights on FOX at 8 p.m. This show features rising young stars hoping to become the next pop sensation. Viewers can call in and vote for their favorite singer in hopes that they will make it to the next round, and eventually get a record deal. Besides the singing talents of the contestants, viewers can also hear commentary from former pop star Paula Abdul, choreographer Randy Jackson, and record produce

Simon Cowell.

Wednesday night features "The Bachelorette" on ABC at 9 p.m. Former Miami Heat dancer turned physical therapist Trista must get to know 25 handsome men in order to find her true love, and possibly be engaged by the end of the series. Each week fans sit on the edge of their seats to find out whom Trista will eliminate, and who gets to move on to the next round in the quest to find true love.

Tonight you can be sure to check out the debut of "Are You Hot?" This show, airing on ABC at 8 p.m., holds a contest where 8 men and 8 women will be judged on their looks alone, in order to determine who has the hottest body in America. A panel of celebrity judges will give their thoughts and opinions of each contestant, but fans ultimately choose the winners in an online poll.

On Friday night you should really take a break from the television and go out with your friends.

TLC is the place to be for Saturday night reality television with "Trading Spaces" at 8 p.m. Two sets neighbors exchange homes for 2 days and with the help of a designer and \$1000, transform a room in their friends home.

"High School Reunion" is the reality show filling the Sunday night slot. This show, which airs on the WB at 9 p.m., takes 28 people who graduated together and places them on an island to reunite after 10 years. Each character fits a different mold of the stereotypical teenager, including "the popular girl" and "the nerd".

So whether you want to see people fall in love, get the career of their dreams, or learn that they have a nicer butt than the 8 other people who were shallow enough to be a contestant on this kind of show, you can find it all on reality TV.



# Sweetheart survey

LVC students recently provided their opinions about everyone's favorite Valentine's candy: Sweethearts. In the first survey, students voted for their favorite Sweethearts saying, and in the second, voted for the saying they would most like to see on Sweethearts.

The results of the survey (167 students) are:

The Sweethearts saying that says it best:

- 1 - Be mine (24%)
- 2 - Love You (12%)
- 3 - True Love (12%)
- 4 - You & Me (7%)
- 5 - Teach Me (6%)

And the top 5 Sayings LVC students want to see on Sweethearts:

- 1 - IM me
- 2 - Mi Amor
- 3 - Eye Candy
- 4 - Lets Do it
- 5 - Shag-a-delic

## Love a little this V-Day, it won't hurt too much

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soul, that sense of longing everyone has deep inside of them for one true love will lead to an end. I really believe that every person will know when they have found someone that completes them in a way that no one else ever has. Maybe it's a crazy notion, but I feel that someone will come along someday who will be without equal. If not, what's the point in trying?

So to sum up, if you are alone, do not despair. These things take time. There are times in every person's life during which being alone is a necessary stage. You can't

truly give yourself to an individual until you are confident enough in yourself and your virtues. However, if you are currently staying awake at night sick with fervent, overpowering longing, enjoy it and leave the rest up to Him. Love and passion are some of the greatest gifts we have been given, and some of the greatest gifts that we have to give. Get caught up in Valentine's Day, profess your deepest desires, compose rosy love sonnets, tell that person how you really feel. What've you got to lose? I'll leave you with the words of the great poet, Kahlil Gibran. "Think not you can direct the course of love, for love, if it finds you worthy, directs your course."

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## Horoscopes

**Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 17)**

This weekend will provide numerous exciting invitations. Don't sit at home and think about it, get out and go! Take along the people who mean the most to you, they'll be of extreme importance. It's your weekend to get out and socialize, so have fun!

**Pisces (Feb 18 - Mar 19)**

You're having a rough week, but the good news is that is soon to change. This weekend will be the best you've had in a long time. Friends and family will play a large role, so keep in touch with them. Your energy levels are high, so consider hitting the gym to make good use of them.

**Aries (Mar 20 - April 19)**

You're more energetic and enthusiastic than you have been in months. Things have been going your way lately and it seems to have boosted your mood. Friends are being especially helpful. Beware of decisions, one will have to be made soon and you'll have a lot of choices.

**Taurus (April 20 - May 19)**

A burst of mental and physical energy is what you need this week. You're going to need to really focus and motivated in order to accomplish all that you are facing. Life here at LVC is going well, but things at a distance may present some trouble.

**Gemini (May 20 - June 20)**

Your life is extremely busy right now and you are struggling to stay above water. Just remember to take a break every once in a while. It appears this busy time won't change anytime soon. However, the next few weeks are looking better than the past few.

**Cancer (June 21 - July 21)**

You're in the money! It appears wealth is in your sign this week so buy a lottery ticket or go gambling. Though money is great, it also may present some problems. Beware of those around you and their intentions.

**Leo (July 22 - Aug 22)**

This week is a time to be creative for you. Whether it is a project for class or a thoughtful surprise, you'll come up with something. Pay special attention to your friends. They will play an important role or you will be important to them.

**Virgo (Aug 23 - Sept 21)**

There's no question that this week has not been going your way. You'll continue to have to conquer past obstacles, but the good news is this will help you in the future. Once you have the fog cleared, you're on your way!

**Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)**

Do you know who lives next to you? If not, you better meet them, for your neighbors will somehow impact you greatly this week. Remember there is always someone paying attention, whether you realize it or not.

**Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)**

This is your week! You're the center of attention and things are going great. If you're in the job market, this week may provide just what you are looking for. Keep your eyes open for some unexpected surprise.

**Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)**

It looks like travel is in your sign this week. Hit the road this weekend and explore new territory. New contacts may end up being priceless. Don't think twice, get out there and go, for opportunity will not return again for many months.

**Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)**

You have to remember to follow your heart this week, no matter what. You will be presented with many new things and people, some good and some bad. It is up to you to let your heart do the decision making. This may all appear in the most unexpected situations.

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# A Valentine's Day message State of the Union

By Lisa Landis  
Features Editor

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you are in a much weirder environment. I am not talking about the nature of post-collegiate relationships themselves. Your mate in the future will be just like (and maybe -wow- exactly the same person as) the one you have now: She or he will kiss, kick, scratch, bite, purr, growl, cheat on you, win your heart and keep it, or tear it to utter shreds in exactly the same fashion that you are used to ...except that the frequency of meeting prospective mates is going to drop dramatically after you leave school.

There are artificial ways to get around this. These are called Singles Bars. They suck. Ever felt shy and insecure at the Underground? Imagine a place maybe fifty times larger that serves beer on the premises except without the surrounding campus. Each Friday or Saturday night you go there completely different people from different towns and cities will show up. You will have no clue who it is you are talking to unless you are either extraordinarily lucky or tricky and learn the technique of cultivating hang-outs. Look, if you thought it was tough asking out your prom date after gathering up your nerve for a few weeks, try performing the same operation in five seconds while intoxicated and you'll understand completely where I'm coming from.

Communication and cooperation are the coin of the realm. So if you have your guy or gal already, -and its lookin' rocky-- my advice is to stick with them. Ride the waves and hold your affection together, explore the infinite unfolding minutiae of a relationship in all its facets with courage. In the outside world of our consumer-oriented society the action of mate selection can be for some almost like window shopping. It IS like window shopping if you watch Reality TV.

Be different: be a little gallant and above all decent about it. In the great majority of cases marriages of college sweethearts remain married and in love for life. Be more patient with your loved one, or more patient in your search for one ...because this is really serious business. You are adults now. There is no sign above your head that displays the number of sexual conquests you've made. Nobody cares. Nobody is keeping track. You don't have an expiration date stamped on you like a bottle of milk. The Biologists among us know that Humans, from being mammals, are naturally monogamous. So keep a level head about it. Don't hurt your loved one. This is not a tussle, nor a popularity contest. It isn't a bullfight or an animated television image, either, so if you have to call it quits don't come to blows over it. Don't burn the bridges behind you completely either for you never know when the both of you may come full circle and fall in love again.

And, if you are alone this Valentine's: I tell you, and this is from the bottom of my heart: relax, enjoy yourself, cultivate an interesting self-image and take care of yourself. Smile. You don't need to have someone and not having someone doesn't make you a reject. (I, for instance, am a totally cool person and yet remain without attachment at the moment.) Most importantly, you must stop feeling sorry for yourself. Walking around with a frown or being intimidated by others is not the intention the Creator had for you when he put you on this planet and, besides, walking around with an I'M LONELY sign on your face won't make you terribly attractive to others. Most importantly remember that life is a game and not a battle. Treat every social situation as a scene in a play and may every appearance on the world's stage leave that unique trace of yourself behind it.

Over two weeks ago, President George W. Bush delivered his second State of the Union address to Congress and the American public. If you missed it, you're not alone. Most people I know did. But I'll try to hit the highlights.

Amidst the usual patriotic rhetoric, Bush outlined his plan for stimulating the economy - income tax reductions totaling \$674 billion and the end of the double taxation of dividends. As the second likely doesn't concern most of us, I'm going to take a closer look at the first.

\$674 billion. Our government is already running a deficit of \$199 billion. Income taxes provide the government with around 50 percent of the money it uses to fund its various projects and services. What, exactly, does Bush plan to use in place of that tax revenue? He says that under his plan, a family of four earning \$40,000 per year will pay about \$45 in taxes instead of \$1,178 each year. That means it will take 26 families to get that \$1,178 to the government instead of one. I don't know about you, but I don't see 26 times the approximately 134 million employed Americans coming out of the woodwork to make up the difference (26 times 134 million, by the way, is 3.4 billion people).

Bush does realize, I hope, that in giving that money, as he puts it, "back to the people," he is in reality giving it back to the private sector: private businesses and corporations and such. That might be all well to stimulate the economy, but people with more money in their pockets aren't going to rush out and put their money into public goods like schools and health care.

And because Bush didn't extend the promise of financial help to the states, facing their worst financial situations ever, what would you think if you were a governor? "Well, if Bush gives the people more money, I can raise the state income tax level and they'll be no worse off for it." Hey, they have to make ends meet somehow.

Did anyone realize, too, that the man who proposed an immediate \$674 billion tax cut is the same man who, within an hour, proposed an additional \$400 billion for Medicare, \$1.2 billion for research funding for hydrogen-powered cars, \$450 million for mentoring, \$600 million for drug treatment, \$15 billion to fight AIDS in Africa and the Caribbean and \$6 billion to guard against bioterrorism?

First, this is also the same man who just a few weeks ago said that he wants to increase the SUV tax credit to \$75,000 as part of his economic stimulus plan. Now we're funding new energy sources?

Second, AIDS relief for Africa and the Caribbean? No offense to either place, but I didn't realize that was a pressing concern of ours right now. Generic drugs and condom distribution (as one headline summarizing the AIDS plan read) don't exactly seem to be what I'd term "relief" either.

And where is that money coming from?

Finally, did anyone realize that Bush mentioned education once in his speech, and that to say they "achieved historic education reform"? Let's do the logic. More money in the economy means more jobs, Bush says. But more of which jobs? The jobs that require training or the ones that don't? I'll go with the ones that do. That training comes from public schools and colleges and universities. Unless people are properly trained, they can't fill all these wonderful jobs Bush thinks are going to open up. These trained people are the ones who will become our entrepreneurs and small business people. Yet I can't recall the last time I heard something about increasing funding to help young Americans (people like us) get to college. Bush's tax plan calls for spending \$1.9 billion more on Pell grants, but as the New York Times pointed out, it "will largely cover a shortfall from previous years, and is not expected to provide either larger grants or benefits to more students." But I digress.

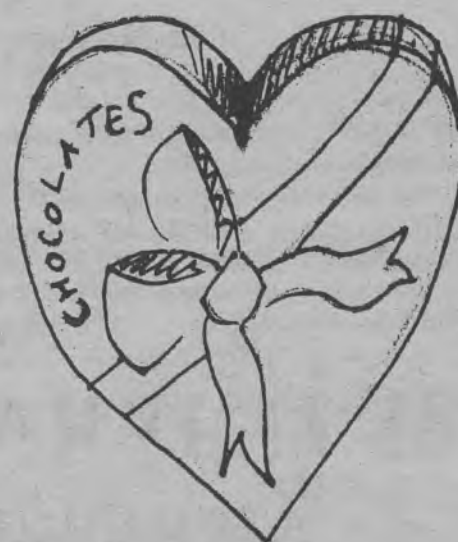
And of course, Bush talked about Iraq. But I'll save that for another time.

## Celebrating the V-day holiday with your someone

Continued from page 6 thing with a little thought is good enough for them and ladies (this is important), we don't care. Honestly, if you haven't realized it yet, we feel very indifferent about anniversaries, birthdays, any event that takes effort. This isn't just a clichéd stereotype advertisers use to sell beer - we really don't

care.

"So ladies, if you want to roll my Mercedes" (Mix-A-Lot, Sir, 1992), and give a guy a great V-day gift, tell him he'll never have to worry about another Valentine's day again. And remember, "even white boys got to shout."





# Commentary

## Inspiration...it is what it is

By Tyrone Broxton  
Sports Editor

Inspiration...

What is it?  
Who provides it?  
Where does it come from?  
Why is it so significant to people?

Webster's College Dictionary says it is any stimulus used to create thought or action.

But what is it really?

Recently, there have been several instances of athletic inspiration at Lebanon Valley College. Some were breathtaking individual performances; others team efforts; while some took a while to accomplish. But all-in-all...inspirational.

As I reminisce about sports memories as a player, spectator, and announcer, in my four years at the Valley, here are some things that come to mind in no specific order.

Though these were few – and I think my fellow senior teammates can vouch for me on this one – the '99 football team's upset victory over nationally ranked Susquehanna University, whom was on the verge of vying for the conference title, was a special moment.

It was a cold, damp, and blustery day in Selingsgrove, PA. The spread was 50 points in favor of Susquehanna, but we dominated the game, only to see S.U. tie it up at 14, with two minutes remaining.

Dennis Yagmourian then orchestrated a masterful drive the length of the field which set up an Eric Connelly 20-yard field goal as time expired to give LVC a 17-14 upset win.

It was the most exhilarating experience I've ever had as a football player. After the ball flipped end-over-end through the middle of the up-rights, the entire 60-plus man roster raced out to the 20-yard line to create a mass of human beings.

Euphoria.

Last year's baseball team entered the season with the motto "unfinished business," after falling short the season prior despite claiming the number-one seed via earning the school's first regular season championship. Unlike many who talk-the-talk, Valley walked-the-walk, as they finished the 2002 campaign not only claiming the regular season, but also league title, en route to the program's first every NCAA playoff berth.

Greedy for more hardware well after the end of the spring semester, the Dutchmen gained national recognition with a 11-3 rout over second-ranked Methodist College before being eliminated in two preceding contest to follow.

Goal obtained.

I had the fortune to be there step-by-step with the women's basketball team last season who had their best season in program history (23-5). The women played game after game – with some contests going down to the final shot – knowing they were going to pull it out in the end, and there were several instances where that was the case.

One of those instances that I will remember for a lifetime came on Feb. 16, 2002, with 16 seconds remaining at Messiah. Game tied at 47 with the first-seed and regular season championship on the line. Freshman Crystal Gibson brings the ball the length of the court passes to classmate Jennifer Northcott with her back turned to the basket as time winds down...Northcott back to Gibson who launches a three at the buzzer...swish. I jump and scream into my microphone on the balcony of the Brubaker Auditorium the way children shriek when seeing their gifts on Christmas Day.

Clutch.

This season, more of the same from the women's basketball team, but an individual effort.

Senior forward Stephanie

Tighe entered the last game prior to winter break versus Moravian College needing just 36 points to become the all-time women's scoring champion.

In the so-called "zone" with LVC's perfect record on the line, Tighe dropped a career-best 42 points without having a clue of her point total.

Going on a rampage in the second half as Valley faced a deficit as large as 12 points in the latter stages of the game; Tighe scored 13 of the team's final 16 points with four minutes remaining and had the chance to win the game at the buzzer, but missed. Making that shot would have been the story-book ending to what was already the greatest performance of a LVC women's basketball player. Valley lost the game in overtime, 98-94. Tighe didn't care that she broke three records. She just wanted to win.

Heroic.

Never say never, but I'm not sure if anyone will ever grace the Hershey Park Arena ice donning a Lebanon Valley sweater the way Brian Yingling has.

On Feb. 1, Yingling did the improbable, needing just three goals to reach 100 for his career, he earned it via a natural hat trick in the first period, becoming the first player in Dutchmen history to do so. He then tacked on two more goals just for the fun of it in a 9-3 shellacking of Southern New Hampshire University.

A few games prior, he became the all-time assists leader. He's just 10 points shy of 200 points for his career. Those numbers make a scout nauseous. Don't be surprised if he's playing on a farm team...he's just that good.

Exhilarating.

The women's soccer team coming off their best season in program history had their woes in 2002, but no one will forget their semi-final playoff game against fifth ranked Messiah

College, where they took the eventual runners-up to the National Championship to penalty kicks. The Dutchmen lost 4-1 on kicks, but it may have been the greatest show of intestinal fortitude of any LVC team in history.

Heart.

Isaac Green....newcomer... record holder...soon to be MAC Champion? This kid is so smooth in the water, he can be compared to Moses when he parted the sea. He has shattered records left and right this season as he heads to the MAC championships with the aspirations of bringing home a medal.

Talent.

Senior center Darren Pugh has been methodical but efficient over the course of his four year basketball career. On Jan. 29, Pugh surpassed a Dutchmen legend in Andy Panko, with a board late in regulation versus Juniata College, to become Valley's all-time rebound king. After the Eagles forced overtime, Pugh scored 8 straight points en route to a crucial conference win. A week later, he became the 26th member of LVC's 1,000 point club.

Persistence.

What's the thrill with running cross-country? Maybe it's the feeling of pushing yourself to limits unknown. Cross-country in essence of what life is all about. Overcoming your doubts, fears, and yearning to quit.

Freshman runner Elia Ahadi has helped raise the bar of the men's long distance team, as he crossed the finish line first on several occasions.

Stamina.

Unfortunately, I couldn't include everyone in this piece, but these are just a few examples of performances I deem inspiring. Whatever your definition of the word may be, inspiration made me write this.

## Conference Standings

### Women's Hoops (as of 2-11-03)

Messiah	19-2, 10-0	.905
Leb. Val	19-3, 8-2	.850
Moravian	15-6, 6-4	.714
Widener	13-8, 5-5	.619
Susq. U.	11-8, 4-6	.579
E-Town	7-14, 4-6	.333
Juniata	7-13, 3-7	.350
Albright	2-17, 0-10	.105

### Men's Hoops (as of 2-11-03)

Moravian	15-6, 8-2	.714
Susq. U.	13-7, 7-3	.650
E-Town	13-7, 7-3	.650
Juniata	11-9, 6-4	.550
Leb. Val	9-12, 4-6	.429
Widener	7-13, 3-7	.350
Albright	4-15, 3-7	.211
Messiah	7-12, 2-8	.368

### Ice Hockey (as of 2-11-03)

Wentworth	15-4-2, 10-1-1	.762
Johnson&Wales	13-7, 10-1	.650
Leb. Val	13-5-1, 10-2	.711
Fitchburg St.	11-7-2, 8-3-1	.600
UMass-Dart.	14-4-3, 8-4-1	.738
Curry	12-8, 8-3	.600
Suffolk	9-5-2, 6-4-1	.625
Worcester St.	7-9-1, 6-3	.441
Salve Regina	9-9, 6-4	.500
Plymouth St.	4-10-3, 2-7-2	.324
W. New Eng.	3-13-2, 2-8-1	.222
Framingham St.	3-16-1, 2-11	.175
Nichols	3-15-2, 2-11	.200



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# Coach MacCormack's new faces in the crease

By Dave Farris  
Sports Writer

Many people now have at least heard how well the LVC ice hockey team has been playing as of late. There are two possible reasons for this: One reason might just be a senior forward that goes by the name of Brian Yingling, who recently surpassed the one-hundred career goals mark. The other reason could be the team's ten game unbeaten streak that they held. What many people may not know is that if not for the work of two hard working unsung heroes, this Dutchmen team might be sitting in the basement of the conference rather than tied for second place in the ECAC northeast. The old saying goes, "the best offense is often a strong defense", and this year's ice hockey team is no exception. The best offense for this team has been the defense of goalies Joe Burley and Sonny Holding.

These two goalies, at first glance, might be seen as the perfect odd couple who have nothing in common but the great sport of hockey.

Burley comes to LVC from a town very similar to Annville; small, quiet, fairly rural. Taking a year off before college, Burley played junior hockey with the Brockville Braves. There he caught the attention of Coach Al MacCormack and was invited to come play for LVC.

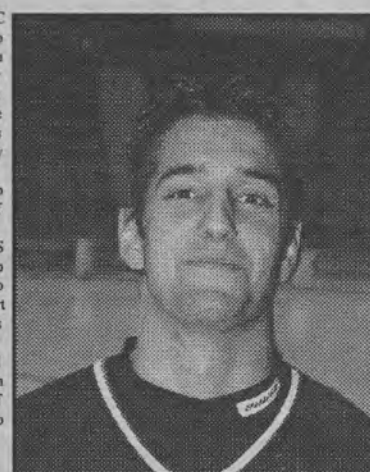
"The league I played for before this was basically a bunch of guys having a good time," said Burley. "We just wanted to play hockey, but the team wasn't very good. Unfortunately, I got injured last year and it cut my season short. I'm just happy to be healthy and be able to play again."

Holding comes to us from a town bordering Washington, D.C. Fending for himself in an largely suburban town, moving to Annville was a big change of pace. After starting college at Boston University, Holding decided that BU wasn't right for him and took three years off to focus just on playing hockey. Last year, after playing junior hockey with the Bay State Breakers, coach MacCormack placed a call to this young talent and the rest was history.

"Playing college hockey is a change," said Holding. "Junior hockey is a very physical game. It is tougher; there are more shots, less fancy plays, and a lot less focus on any kind of system like we have with coach MacCormack. It's a rough, tough hockey. Now, I'm working with a different style of play. Instead of seeing five or six consecutive shots and just putting the puck to the corner I have to play smarter and think my game more than ever. I have to think about making that breakout pass and placing the puck exactly where I want it. I have never worked as hard as I do right now, playing coach Mac's



Burley has a 5-2-1 record in net on the season.



Holding has 260 saves on the year and sports an 8-3 mark.

high octane offense and the run and gun style of hockey."

Coach MacCormack made two very smart acquisitions in these exceptional goalies. What might have been a rebuilding year for another team has become a strong, championship caliber season for these young and fresh Dutchmen Icers. After a four game losing stretch early in the season, this squad had a team meeting that turned around the season.

"We were still learning to mesh in those losses. We didn't click yet and weren't playing together as a team. After a good win against UMass Dartmouth, we had some games where nothing went our way. Everything had been going wrong

until the team meeting after a loss to Elmira where we said enough is enough. We made a decision as a team to get our acts together. We learned to play together, to trust each other, and to play as a team," commented Holding.

The Dutchmen Icers came together and put on some magical performances. They had gone ten straight games without a defeat, prior to this weekend's loss, but their momentum certainly has not slowed. If anything, it has made them stronger as a team.

This hockey team, with the help of their talented goalies, will certainly give the ECAC a run for its money in the playoffs.

## Inside the Numbers...

(as of 2-11-03)

### Men's Hoops

Points: (344) J.D. Byers

Pts/Game: (16.4) J.D. Byers

Boards: (257) Darren Pugh

Assists: (93) J.D. Byers

Steals: (21) J.D. Byers

Blocks: (24) Darren Pugh

F. Goal %: (.565) D. Pugh

3-pt. %: (.426) J.D. Byers

### Women's Hoops

Points: (313) Steph Tighe

Pts/Game: (15.7) Steph Tighe

Boards: (197) Jen Northcott

Assists: (105) Crystal Gibson

Steals: (53) Erin Eaby

Blocks: (32) Jen Northcott

F. Goal %: (.481) T. Rogers

3-pt. %: (.375) Steph Tighe

## Where are the fans?

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(Northcott), coach of the year (Coach Peg Kauffman), and a member of the all-conference team (Stephanie Tighe).

Despite this, the team still struggles with the stereotype that women's sports are boring. "We are just as exciting as any boy's game and we're very good, we play tough teams, and we work hard all year long," says Burall. Still, some are patient.

"The community can still think it's a fluke, but after three or four years you have to admit it's a good program," Northcott says. This is still year two of Northcott's career, but the fourth year should be a fun one - she'll be a senior along with the rest of the starting core of Crystal Gibson and Carrie Lathrop, as well as super-subs Tamika Rodgers and Erin Eaby. The team is still well poised for the future.

The last-ever regular season game at Lynch is Feb. 22 against Messiah College, their arch-rival.

If you don't follow the team and have no idea of the history with Messiah, think of it's like

the Yankees and the Red Sox, the Eagles and the Giants, Texas and Oklahoma.

It's the MAC Commonwealth's best rivalry. And why shouldn't it be?

The Dutchmen upset Messiah twice in the regular season last year to earn the regular season title, then lost to Messiah at home in the conference title game.

Messiah beat the Dutchmen in Grantham earlier this season.

Whenever they match up, it's intense, fast-paced basketball.

I want to see Lynch packed next Saturday, not just because it's the last game before the gym is reduced to rubble, but because the ladies deserve it.

The student body has ignored this team for too long just because they're female. Go and watch them.

Watch Gibson fly around the court, Northcott swat away shots, Tighe drain yet another three. You'll be pleasantly surprised. I promise.

## Yingling scores 100

(1.01), and goals (102).

His most recent record occurred on Feb. 1, in a game against Southern New Hampshire University, where Yingling scored his 98th, 99th, 100th, 101st, and 102nd career goal. He is the only player in the team's history to score 100 career goals, and he still has enough time to tack onto his current tally of 102.

Entering the contest on Feb. 1, Yingling needed just three goals to reach 100. And as great players do, he rose to the occasion, becoming the first Dutchmen ever to score a natural hat trick, and also tacked on two more goals for insurance. He also tied three of his own school records in the process, including goals in one game (5), points in one game (6) and goals in one season (27). Yingling is now only 10 points away from scoring his 200th career point. He presently leads NCAA Division III hockey in goals and points.

"I'd like to give credit to the team, because without them I would not be where I am. This is a game that is all about being a team, and playing with the great guys I have, past and present, has been a great experience. We all work hard together to get where we are. I also had the opportunity to have a great coach. He is a man who has always been there for me. Whenever I did something wrong he

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knows it, and I know it, but he gives me an opportunity to make up for it. He gives me more room to work and control the puck, which is not a opportunity many guys have to do," said Yingling.

Valley was on a 10-game winning-streak until Feb. 7, when the Dutchman fell 3-2, to defending ECAC Northeast champion, Wentworth Institute of Technology.

Unfortunately, Yingling was held scoreless in the loss, which is the first time this has happened in 12 games.

Yingling definitely has a bright future in the sport of hockey, possibly even in the professional ranks. Not only has he helped bring success to the school's great hockey program, but also gives fellow students and administration a chance to see history being made.

Similar to what Andy Panko has done for men's basketball, Brian Yingling will be remembered for his contributions to Dutchmen hockey. And like Panko, Yingling's name will be uttered for generations to come.

"The numbers that I put up throughout my career, and hopefully winning a championship this year, are things I want to give future players to strive for. I want to set goals for them to motivate themselves to not only bring out the best in them, but also bring out the best in the team."

## Ice Hockey

Goals: (27) Brian Yingling

PP Goals: (7) Brian Yingling

Assists: (21) Ben Kwon

Points: (45) Brian Yingling

Saves: (208) Sonny Holding

Pen. Min.: (35) D. MacCormack

Game Winners: (3) B. Yingling



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## SPORTS

**Dutchmen Blurbs...**

• On Monday, sophomore point guard **Crystal Gibson** was named to the Middle Atlantic Conference honor roll, while senior forward **Scott Schilling** of the ice hockey team was named to the ECAC Northeast honor roll.

• Last week, **Darren Pugh** was named to the D3Hoops.com team of the week in addition to being named Commonwealth Conference Player of the Week and to the ECAC Honor Roll.

• Sophomore center **Jennifer Northcott** was named Commonwealth Conference Player of the Week in addition to being named to the ECAC honor roll last week.

• **Brian Yingling** was named as the U.S. College Hockey Online (USCHO) Division III Offensive Player of the Week. He was also named ECAC Northeast Player of the Week.

• Freshman **Isaac Greene** broke his fourth school record of the year on Feb. 1 in a tri-meet versus FDU-Florham and Lycoming Colleges. Greene raced to a 2:27.3 clocking in the 200-meter butterfly to nip the former record of 2:28.83 set by Ron Garcia '02 last season. Greene also finished first in the 200-meter freestyle, winning the event in 2:08.33.

• Lebanon Valley College honored **Jerry Chepulis** as the 2003 winner of the annual "Hot Dog" Frank Athletic Service Award. Chepulis is a long-time supporter of LVC athletics. For over 20 years, he has served as the clock operator at Dutchmen home football games, as well as a starting official for Lebanon Valley College home track & field meets. In addition, Chepulis can be seen running the clock at the LVC men's and women's basketball games.

**ATHLETES OF THE WEEK**

Seniors **Darren Pugh** and **Brian Yingling** and the **Women's basketball team** have earned this week's *Sports Editor Athletes of the Week Awards* for their recent performances.

**Pugh** has forever notched his name in LVC basketball history. On Jan. 29, Pugh became LVC's all-time rebound king, and then on Feb. 4, he became the 26th member of the 1,000 point club.

**Yingling** eclipsed the 100-goal mark for his career with a five goal game on Feb. 1, against S. New Hampshire University.

The **Women's basketball team** for the second time in five games, broke the single-game field-goal percentage record, shooting 56.9% from the floor in a blowout win over Widener (87-54) on Saturday.

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**Winning record yet no one to cheer them on**

Timothy Flynn  
Sports Writer

This is a team that has a record of 17-3 overall and 8-2 in the Commonwealth conference.

This is a team that has already clinched a berth in the playoffs.

This is a team that has won every game, save one, at home.

This is a team that has the conference individual leaders in blocks, steals, and rebounding.

This is a team that you've probably never seen play before because they are WOMEN.

This is a team that gets NO RESPECT.

This is the Lebanon Valley College women's basketball team.

I'm not afraid to admit it. I'm a women's basketball fan. As the game analyst for WLVC's radio broadcasts, I'm lucky



Photo courtesy of Sports Information

**The Women are on the verge of making another run at the Conference title, yet the stands remain empty. Where is the student body?**

enough to have the chance to travel with, eat with, and get to know the team. However, I also share the frustration of watching a big home crowd for a men's basketball game dwindle down to 150 fans for the women's game, which is often the second game in weekend doubleheaders. A lot of it has to do with the stereotype that women's sports aren't as

much fun to watch.

"It's been like this since high school," says Jennifer Northcott, the sophomore center who leads the conference in rebounding and blocks.

"We used to not be able to throw things into the crowd because it might hit dead space, but at the boy's games you were lucky to find a seat." She admits that although men's games are tradi-

tionally more up-tempo, that doesn't translate into wins.

"I personally find it humorous that for the second year in a row we have a better record [than the men's team], therefore we have more exciting games, but we still get no fans," she says.

That's not to say this team has no fans at all - just very few of them. Everywhere this team

goes, there's a solid contingent of dedicated family members that follow. And the fans that do show up, from on- and off-campus, make themselves heard. But for the most part, the wobbly wooden bleachers of Lynch stand empty for the women's games.

"I think people should start showing us respect even though we're girls. Women's basketball has changed a lot," says sophomore guard/forward Casey Burall in an interview with WLVC.

Change is the keyword for the LVC women's basketball program. Over the last two seasons, the team has gone 40-8.

Last season they didn't lose a game at home, won the regular season championship, and had the conference rookie of the year

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**Yingling makes history with five goal game**

By Brian Andrews  
Sports Writer

As the hockey team continues to have a phenomenal season, much do to the emergence of the underclassmen, one cannot forget to notice the exceptional play of senior forward Brian Yingling. In his final season of collegiate hockey, Yingling has not only etched his name into the LVC record books, but he has also set standards for future players to come.

Yingling's career here at the Valley has been full of achievements, and it is very unlikely that you would not see a number-one placed next to his name, as he is the career leader in nearly every offensive statistical category. He has been named the ECAC player of the week on countless occasions, and he was also honored on Feb. 6, as the U.S. College Hockey Online (USCHO) Division III Offensive Player of the Week. He is the first person in LVC ice hockey history to accomplish



Photo courtesy of Sports Information

**Senior forward Brian Yingling scored five goals on Feb. 1 to become to first 100 goal scorer in ice hockey history.**

this feat.

At this season's conclusion, Yingling's name could easily be placed atop all individual career records, and will be there for a very long time. Currently, Yingling is first in the record books in points (190), points per game (1.88), power play goals (28), short handed goals (12), assists (88), goals per game

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**Swimming wins finale at Arcadia; Indoor track sports top finishers**

Courtesy of Sports Information

**Swimming**

Freshman Isaac Greene and sophomore Joanna Tiedeken won two events apiece as the LVC swimming teams swept Arcadia University last Tuesday.

Lebanon Valley improved to 4-6 on the men's side while the women's squad pushed its record to 4-8.

Greene captured both the 1,000-meter free and the 200-meter individual medley to lead the men's team to a 127-34 victory. Other individual winners included sophomore Paul Curcio, sophomore Kyle Cope, junior Adam Demchak and senior Walt Smith in their respective events.

In addition, the Dutchmen won both relay events. Smith, junior Taylor Reinhard, Greene and Demchak won the 200-meter medley relay, while Cope, sophomore Chris Whitcomb, sophomore Rusty Bentz and Reinhard captured the 200-meter free relay.

Tiedeken touched the wall first in both the 50-meter freestyle and the 200-meter individual medley as the women's team emerged with a 128-76 win. Additional LVC winners

included freshman Sam Meglino, freshman Jenn Kush, sophomore Shannon Gamble and senior Jenn Brown.

Kush, Meglino, junior Megan Deveney and junior Lauren Procopio won the 200-meter medley relay while junior Julia Falkner, Meglino, freshman Jackie Neely and Procopio teamed for a victory in the 200-meter free relay.

Both teams return to action on Feb. 14-16 when they travel to Susquehanna University for the Middle Atlantic Conference Championships.

**Indoor Track**

The LVC indoor track teams continued their 2003 season Saturday afternoon at the non-scoring Grizzly Invitational, hosted by Ursinus College.

Valley earned five top-three finishes on the men's side while five different competitors placed among the top-seven for the women's team.

Lebanon Valley will take next weekend off before competing at the Susquehanna Invitational on Friday, Feb. 21.





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Photo courtesy of the Allen Theater

Andy Roberts performs regularly at MJ's Coffeehouse, the first Thursday of each month, October through June.

## "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" opened with success

By Elyse Turr

"Something familiar, something peculiar, something for everyone a comedy tonight!" So opened the Wig and Buckle Society's winter musical, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," that even in its second and final week of production, it continued to play to sold out audiences and was proclaimed as one of the funniest productions in LVC history.

The production was so well received by students and the Annville community that many saw it multiple times, claiming that it got funnier with each performance. Forum's comic appeal comes from the shows ability to incorporate improvised jokes and skits, to make the show forever timely; this production integrated popular scenes from "The Matrix" and "Lord of the Rings." "With its high-speed shenanigans, cheery score, witty lyrics, naughty-but-nice sexiness, and star turns for splendid performances, Forum blended the best of the past into a rollicking musical which has defied time with its continuing appeal," said Theater Advisor, Kevin Pry.

Directed by Huy Nguyen, the musical followed Pseudolus' desperate attempt to win his freedom, the slave, played by Nick Curry, attempts to help his young master, Hero, played by Mike Gamon, earn the love of a courtesan, Philia, played by Natalie Dize. Meanwhile, Pseudolus had to outsmart Hero's parents played by Tyler Bower and Jessica Moyer; the slave master, Hysterium, played by Scott Payonk; Marcus Lycus, the owner of the brothel, played by Zachary Hopple and the very large soldier who had already paid for her, Miles Gloriosus, played by Dave Ingalls; and in comic fashion every solution devised created another problem and a growing chaos ensued. Also an old man, Erronius, played by Rob Fissette, was desperately searching for his lost children, who were stolen in infancy by pirates. In the end it turns out that Philia and Miles were long lost bother and sister, the children of Erronius. Furthermore Philia was allowed to marry Hero, and Psuedolus gained his freedom.

While the lead characters acted and performed incredibly well, the five Proteans stole the show. Dan Kamorowski, Jeremy Rea, Scean Flowers, James Glasbrenner, and Mark McGuire accounted for most of the humorous aspects of the show, playing characters ranging and changing from butterflies, and sunshine; high-pitched eunuchs, unskilled but rhythmically

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## MJ's Coffeehouse offers more than just coffee

By Joe Candio  
Editor

Maybe it's the cozy surroundings, the free coffee refills with student ID, the bands and people who come and perform. Maybe it's because the workers, and people who are there are always pleasant to be around. Or maybe it's just the fact that it doesn't remind people of Central Pennsylvania.

Skip Hicks, owner of the Allen Theater and MJ's Coffeehouse has tried to give people that feeling. "We want people to be able to come into MJ's and feel as though they're not in the area."

Upon walking into MJ's, anyone can immediately get the feeling that they have just step into a building unlike others in

the area. MJ's is decorated with pictures of famous actors, a toy train set suspended above the counter, and of course, Hick's latest addition to his coffeehouse, Laughing Sal. With one flick of the switch, she'll give a bit of a laugh to those sitting down.

MJ's is noted for being that home away from home not only because of decorations but people. Whether it is the workers who are there, or the regulars everyone always feels welcome and never wants to leave. And don't for a second think the Hicks is nowhere to be found. He is usually out greeting his customers and striking up conversations about anything and everything.

Senior Rob Graver likes to stop by the cafe every now and again after he gets

back from his internship. "I like that moment to sit down and get away."

He also said he finds himself once in a while talking about current events in the world with people he's never met before.

Besides coming in and spending time with your friends, or time to yourself, MJ's has a lot to offer for entertainment.

MJ's is a site where creativity comes to life. Poetry and music fill the cafe.

MJ's holds an open-mic night every Monday at 9:30 p.m. On Thursday nights there are also different types of bands that come and perform.

MJ's Coffeehouse is open Sunday and Monday from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m.; Tuesday through Thursday 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Friday and Saturday 11:30 p.m. to Midnight.

## New chaperone law restricts social life

By Timothy Burdis

If you are under 21, you already know it is tough to find fun things to do. If you're over 21, you can remember a time when social activity was tough for you. Well today in Pennsylvania, it is more difficult for those under the state's legal drinking age to attend all-age concerts at bars and clubs. A change in an existing chaperone rule will require more adult supervision for bars that allow all-age access.

Previously, bars and nightclubs who own a liquor license were required to have one, non-employed "chaperone" 25

years of age for every 50 under age patrons in attendance. This law was originally put into place to allow a soccer coach to hold a pizza party at a restaurant that sold liquor, said State Police Trooper, Todd Merlina of the Pennsylvania State Liquor Control Board Enforcement Bureau, and was never intended for bars to hold all-age shows with little supervision for alcohol consumption.

However, in November of 2002, the State's Liquor Code- Omnibus Amendments bill, primarily responsible for the trial sales of liquor on Sundays, made a dramatic change in the existing law helping to put supervision back in its

place at these establishments. Buried on page 23 of a 26-page document, a single-word alteration was made changing the word fifty to five. This minor semantic change has had a huge impact on certain bars and clubs, such as both the Crowbar and Player's Niteclub in State College, PA canceling February shows due to lack of participation because of the new law.

The senator who introduced the law, Vincent Fumo, had very good reasons for the curtailment says his spokesperson, Gary Tuma, who gave reasoning for the change. Tuma stated that the change was

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# Income Tax Check-Off for breast cancer to be kicked off at LVC

Courtesy of College Relations

Pat Halpin-Murphy, president and founder of the Pennsylvania Breast Cancer Coalition (PBCC), has announced a press conference to kick off this year's Income Tax Check-Off for Breast and Cervical Cancer Research. The press conference will be Friday, March 28, at 3 p.m. in Lebanon Valley College's Heilman Center, room 113. The Heilman Center is located on the College's North Campus past Henry and Gladys Arnold Field.

In addition to Halpin-Murphy, featured speakers include state Rep. Katie True; Dr. Mary K. Howett, professor of microbiology and immunology, Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center; M. Patrice Massey, a two-time breast

cancer survivor and an independent insurance agent representing AFLAC Insurance; and Deborah Freer '71, a breast cancer survivor and volunteer with numerous organizations including the Lebanon American Cancer Board, PBCC, WITF and Good Samaritan Hospital. Dr. Stephen MacDonald, LVC vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty, will welcome the PBCC.

The Breast and Cervical Cancer Research Fund, landmark legislation initiated by the PBCC in 1997, allows Pennsylvania taxpayers to donate all or part of their state tax refund to breast and cervical cancer research. All of the money raised goes to cancer researchers, hospitals and universities in Pennsylvania. The average tax refund

donation is \$8 and to date, over \$1 million has been raised. Halpin-Murphy, a breast cancer survivor, said, "Every single penny of the money raised is awarded to researchers across the state. The PBCC is a force for women and their families and the incredible success of this simple and effective way to raise research dollars renews our commitment to find a cure for breast cancer now, so our daughters won't have to." Halpin-Murphy chairs the Pennsylvania Department of Health's Cancer Advisory Board's Income Tax Check-Off Committee, which recommends how the refund donations should be awarded to researchers.

The PBCC, founded in 1993, is a non-profit organization dedicated to ending the breast cancer epidemic through research, education, outreach and advocacy. As the

## Kashmir native speaks to LVC students about American-Muslim relations

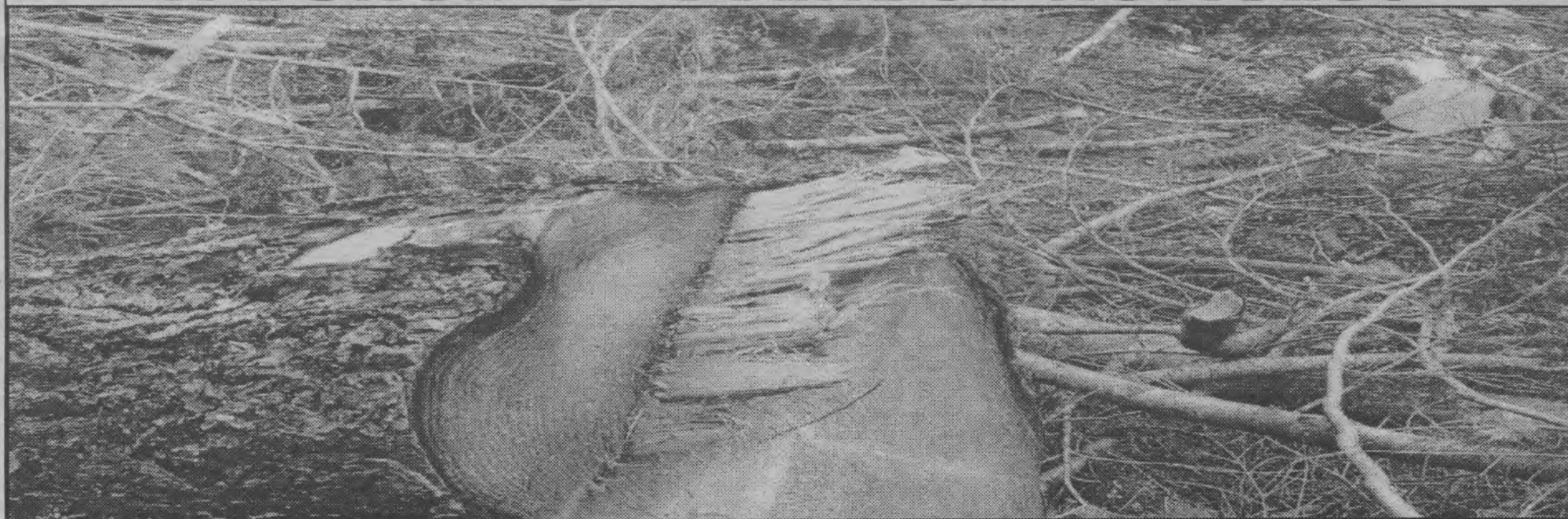
By Lisa Landis  
Features Editor

Arshad Khan, a Harrisburg consultant who has written books in many fields, spoke Tuesday evening in Leedy Theater, hoping to give his audience a better understanding of American-Muslim relations.

Khan, a native of Kashmir, noted that one misconception commonly held by Americans is that Muslims and Arabs are the same. "They are not the same," said Khan. "Only 22 percent of Muslims are Arabs."

Lack of unity and brotherhood, illiteracy, inequality and political division are some of the issues facing Muslims today. "They [Muslims] say they are following the principles of the Koran, but they are not," said Khan. The two sects of Muslim, the Shiites and the Sunnis, have different ways of interpreting the same points in the Koran, the Muslim holy book, he said. Continued on page 4

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## LVC kicking off Income Tax Check-Off for breast cancer

Continued from page 2 only statewide grassroots organization that speaks to and for breast cancer survivors, the PBCC ensured the passage of several crucial pieces of commonwealth legislation:

The Breast and Cervical Cancer Research Act, which allows taxpayers to donate all or part of their state income tax refunds to breast and cervical cancer research.

The Breast Cancer Reconstructive Surgery Act, which mandates insurance coverage for postmastectomy breast reconstruction and prohibits outpatient mastectomies.

The PBCC serves each of the commonwealth's 67 counties through the Income Tax Check-Off, Mother's Day Mammograms, the Keystone Breast Cancer Conference, and the photo exhibit, *67 Women, 67 Counties: Facing Breast Cancer in Pennsylvania*.

## Prestigious grants funding international graduate study and research now available

*Courtesy of College Relations*

The Institute of International Education (IIE), in cooperation with the U.S. Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board, is pleased to announce the launch of the 2004-2005 Fulbright U.S. Student Program competition.

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The U.S. Student Program awards approximately 1,000 grants annually and currently operates in over 140 countries worldwide. Fulbright full grants generally provide funding for round-trip travel, maintenance for one academic year, health and accident insurance and full or partial tuition. Fulbright travel-only grants are also available to limited.

Applicants to the Fulbright U.S. Student Program must be U.S. citizens at the time of application and hold a bachelor's degree or

the equivalent by the beginning of the grant. In the creative and performing arts, four years of professional training and/or experience meets the basic eligibility requirement. (Non-arts applicants lacking a degree but with extensive professional study and/or experience in fields in which they wish to pursue a project may also be considered.)

For more information, applicants should visit the Fulbright U.S. Student Program Web site at [www.iie.org/fulbright](http://www.iie.org/fulbright). Juniors currently enrolled at LVC should contact the campus Fulbright Program Adviser [Dr. Dale Erskine] for application forms and further information. Applications must be submitted in full to Dr. Erskine by the campus closing date of Oct. 7, 2003 in order to be received by IIE by the Oct. 21, 2003 national deadline. Interested freshmen and sophomores should contact a member of the Graduate Fellowships Committee to receive information of the 2004 and 2005 competitions.

Since its inception in 1946, the Fulbright Program has provided more than 255,000 participants worldwide with the opportunity to observe each others' political, economic and cultural institutions, exchange ideas and embark on joint ventures of importance to the general well-fare of the world's

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## Get ready to walk in Relay for Life

*By Cassandra Hoadley  
News Editor*

The LVC community will be coming together in Arnold Sports Center next weekend for the second annual American Cancer Society Relay for Life. Over 40 teams will be walking, jogging, running, and skipping the night away on March 28 and 29. Last year the relay was extremely successful, raising over \$19,000, and is hoped to be even more successful this year.

The relay, which raises money for Cancer research, begins at 4 p.m. on Friday and wraps up at 4 p.m. Saturday. Entertainment for the 24 hours will consist of bands, deejays, a comedian, sports, and much more.

This year there will also be an additional fundraiser titled "What's In My Bucket."

Students will be able to purchase chances (one for \$.50 or three for \$1) to dump a bucket full of mysterious contents on one of the following volunteers: President Pollick, Dr. Friedman, Dr. Kline, Dr. Bain-Selbo, Dr. Summers, Mrs. Summers, Dr. Heise, Dr. Grieve-Carlson, Dr. Hathaway, Jason Kuntz, Jen Evans, Rick Beard, and Public Safety Officer Laura. Chances will go on sale during meals at the end of this week.

Donations of any amount are accepted for the relay. Paper moons and stars may be purchased for \$1 to celebrate the life of a Cancer survivor or to honor a victim. Luminaries can also be purchased for \$5 and will be lit during the relay.

Good luck to all the relay teams. Those of you who are not walking, definitely come over to Arnold and join in the fun!

Look for your copy of La Vie on the following dates:

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## Chaperone's needed at bars

Continued from page 1 made in, "An effort to address supervision, or lack of in nightclubs that allow kids in who are serving alcohol to minors." Mr. Tuma also added that this was not a way to dictate policy but to combat underage drinking through enforcing the law when establishments have been abusing it.

However, those who claim not to abuse all age shows disagree. For instance, Louis Aquiller, the manager of Shakey's nightclub in Hershey, PA. Aquiller stated in a February interview, "I don't know what they will accomplish by (the change) except hinder business and discourage kids." The manager also added that Shakey's, like most other establishments who hold all-age shows, segregates the kids from the alcohol to prevent underage sales, and also marks the hands of those of age with two X's. The law has not affected Shakey's who was in the works for putting an all-age show

together. But it is the contention of some lawmakers that there are many who abuse all age shows and protection for the youth is needed.

Local Congress representative, Maureen Gingrich was not in office during the time of this legislation's passing, but had a comment about it. "While the effort was made in good faith to better protect the safety of our young people, the increased number of required chaperones could have a sweeping impact on a great variety of social events." The freshman representative, Gingrich promised the legislature would work together to review the formula for chaperones at these events.

As of now, those underage are still allowed into all-age shows, but the requirements for those over 25 years of age, for every five under 21 is difficult to fulfill. So in the future, certain shows may have to call it quits because 25 year olds are not in attendance to watch over those who are under-

## Extraordinary Art Right Here On Campus: "Tornado Tower and Other Eccentric Spaces"

By Greg Couturier

Artist Susan Leopold's exhibit "Tornado Tower and Other Eccentric Spaces" opened in the Suzanne H. Arnold Art Gallery on February 18th, and will remain until April 13th. To be eccentric is to deviate from a conventional or established norm or pattern, and Leopold's "spaces" do just that. Her works surpass the one dimensional art that many people expect to encounter in galleries, and stimulate the eyes with mind boggling mirrors, lenses and lights that create the illusion of three dimensional space.

The focal point of Leopold's exhibit sits in the middle of the gallery atop an octagonal base. The piece, entitled "Tornado Tower" is a revolving mixed media giant, an amalgamation of foam and motors and mirrors and many other materials. Ladders and mirrors and stairs and a convex mirror give the effect of the structure climbing upwards. Spinning into the sky perhaps? The 'gazebo' structure that encloses this tower has a base covered in AstroTurf to resemble grass, wallpapered renderings of lighthouses and ocean scenes on the walls, and windows resembling those cut out of the tower. The piece requires the viewer to stand in this structure, which has

the effect of blocking out all distractions. As a starting point, the central piece, the tower is an engaging introduction of the rest of the works to come.

Aside from the tower, the rest of the room harbors Leopold's other creations. A combination of sculptures and drawings, the pieces are a look into the minds eye of an artist who has obviously traveled all over the world, and is expressing what she has encountered through her artwork. From the alarming Sati, with its handprints and allusions to an age old Hindu ritual, to the ethereal Approaching Monsoon, Leopold's travel continually leaves its mark on her work.

Aside from these portals into far off places, some definite focal points of the exhibit are Duplicity and Pandemonium, two pieces with odd visual perspectives. The columns and staircases seem to echo Escher's style, all the while bringing a new, fresh technique.

The exhibit is surprising and new. It is great art only minutes from the dormitories, something that is far too rare. An hour or so out of a busy schedule would be well spent taking in Duplicity, Sati, Pandemonium, as well as all of Leopold's other "eccentric spaces".

## Look for our April Fool's section next issue: 4/3

## Market soars in face of Iraq war

By Lydia K. Leung  
Michigan Daily (U. Michigan)

Stock prices soared on Wall Street Monday when the uncertainty surrounding the nation for the past four months started to clear up as signs showed the war with Iraq is imminent. The Dow Jones Industrial Average Index surged by 282.21 points -- or 3.6 percent -- to 8141.92. The triple-digit gain created the year's best single-day performance, and pushed the index back up to the 8,000-point level for the first time since Feb. 21.

The frantic trading atmosphere was not limited to the Dow Jones Industrial Average Index -- the Nasdaq Composite Index and S&P 500 Index also jumped up by 3.9 and 3.5 percent, respectively.

"The market is up today because of information saying that war is going to start soon and end soon," University of Michigan Business Prof. Nejat Seyhun said. With various reports supporting the fact that the current gap of military strength between the United States and Iraq is even larger than the Gulf War's, most Americans are expecting a quick victory over Iraq.

"The stock market hates uncertainties hanging over," business Prof. E. Han Kim said. With more signs that the U.S.-led attack on Iraq will most likely begin within

days "people can make a better sense of what might happen," he said.

Kim added that the rallies did not mean the stock markets favor war but it indicated that investors welcome visibility in the future.

Although the markets skyrocketed yesterday, according to experts, the short-term performances of the markets and the economy are hard to predict.

"It's sort of a psychological reaction to the fact that something is going to happen that will cause resolution to go either one way or another," Business Prof. Richard Sloan said.

"It's hard to see any concrete economic implication at this point." Seyhun said the strength of the U.S. economy will pick up once the war is over with relaxed oil prices and rebounded dollar exchange rates.

But Sloan said the impact of the war with Iraq would depend on the development of the situation.

"One thing that could happen is that things get wiped up pretty quickly, oil prices come down, and that could sort of revitalize the economy," Sloan said. "But if things get blocked down and there's a good chance that we'd just stuck in the bottom of the cycle like we are now."

## A Fulbright grant might be in your future

Continued from page 3 inhabitants. In the past 56 years, 84,000 students from the United States have benefited from the Fulbright experience.

The Fulbright Program is sponsored by the United States Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Financial support is provided by an annual appropriation from Congress to the Department of State and by participating governments and by host institutions in the

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The Institute of International Education administers and coordinates the activities relevant to the U.S. Student Program, including an annual competition for the scholarships.

## Speaker shines light on American-Muslim relationships

Continued from page 2 "They've had terrible leadership," Khan added. "90 percent were crooks."

Because of the problems Muslims face, some have refused to accept responsibility and feel victimized, but do nothing, noted Khan, while others feel hatred, some become freedom fighters and others terrorists.

In the post-September 11 world, Khan said, the impact on Muslims has been negative. "They are shocked and very wary. It [the terrorist attack] doesn't reflect what they think."

The major complaint that Muslims have against the United States is that Americans engage in "friendships of convenience," according to Khan. "We become friends, we use them, and we throw them away," Khan said. Muslims also dislike the way that Americans judge by and impose their

foreign values on others, said Khan.

With regard to the idea that Muslims hate the American way of life, Khan said, "I don't think that's anywhere true."

During the question and answer period that followed his speech, Khan spoke only briefly about the impending war with Iraq. "There's instability over there. I'm pessimistic right now," Khan said. "This guy [Saddam Hussein] is not to be trusted, and the area is very volatile."

Khan said both groups need to look forward and look ahead to keep from repeating the same mistakes. To build a better future, both Americans and Muslims must address the roots of the problems, he added. Americans must become informed and sensitive, and learn not to paint all Muslims with the same brush.

"To solve the problems there must be sin-



# Andrew Greene: Unrecognized but an important figure on the LVC campus

By Erik Christian

Deep in the basement of the Humanities building at Lebanon Valley College, in a secluded office in the media services section, a little-known man oversees the use of any and all audio and visual technology used across campus. Andrew Greene, the Director of Media Services, prefers to stay behind the scenes. Although most students would not recognize this man, they owe him a great deal of thanks for making sure the movies, conferences and school assemblies run smoothly.

The cluttered desk Greene sits at reflects his hectic and unpredictable schedule, as does the work-board full of equipment requests on the wall outside his office. This job does not follow a typical schedule. Emergency calls, meetings, faculty and student training, and technological upgrades and renovations are all directed to Greene. A student staff assists in the workload but

Greene must organize all aspects.

Greene did not have any aspirations to get into this field of work; he simply chose the video production major at Kutztown University because it sounded interesting to him. After earning a bachelor's degree in video production, he found himself working for a cable company in Lehigh, Pa., as a commercial producer. Greene eventually came to Lebanon Valley College to become the assistant director, and later director, of Media Services. Although this line of work is not his dream job, he commented, "I am very happy to work in the educational field and assist in some way to the students' learning."

Unlike students and faculty members, Greene works all twelve months of the year. When the academic year comes to an end, Greene attends classes and conferences to educate himself on new technologies. He also contacts vendors to purchase new equipment. "Technology is always chang-

ing and it needs to be kept up on," he said. In the summer Greene can be found doing maintenance and repairs on the equipment as well as designing new rooms to be outfitted with technology such as video projectors and audio speakers.

A job in media services consists of a good deal of variety, which is what Greene enjoys most about his position. "I never know what's going to happen in a single day," he said, and his laidback, easy-going attitude helps him cope with the constant changes. He also loves challenges. "Although technical challenges are difficult to solve, they are very fun," he commented. The part of his job that bothers him the most happens when equipment malfunctions. "Some people do not understand the equipment and get mad when something goes wrong. This is very frustrating," Greene said.

Greene enjoys hobbies that differ greatly from the heavy technological workload he faces everyday. Greene likes to be out-

doors, completely removed from all technology, and gets away from the job by hiking, backpacking and canoeing. "My favorite place to be is New England, either in Vermont or New Hampshire. The scenery is so relaxing," said Greene.

Greene goes to his job every day not knowing what tasks or situations he will face. He only found himself in the media services area because he picked an interesting major in college and stuck with it. He said, "I have no plans for the future and couldn't tell you if I'll still be here in a couple years." Greene is a "live for the moment" type of person. He seemed surprised that he was being interviewed, since most people on campus do not know he even exists. Although Andrew Greene's face may remain unrecognized on this college campus, his work and dedication to the technological aspects of Lebanon Valley College definitely stand out.

## Have a little patience with the new Student Center

By Greg Couturier

The grand opening of LVC's brand new student center was less of a bang than a barely audible murmur. In the weeks following the opening, students have been seen trickling in and out of the facility, but in nowhere near the numbers that may have been hoped for. The tendency of many students has been to denounce its location on campus, the inconvenience of having to use "dollars on" (a service which many students do not have), and its lack of entertainment options. Senior Dennis Ross stated, "It should have some game tables in there, a couple pool tables, some futsal tables, and some ping pong as well."

While points like these are duly noted, we must have patience. Jason Kuntz, LVC's assistant director of residential life, says that from what he has been told, down the road students can expect "a pool table, comfy furniture, more sofas, chairs, and new tables." The tables now are currently on loan from the Underground, and the sofas are merely fill-ins that will eventually furnish the suites. All signs point to the new furniture being of higher quality. When reached for comment on the arrival of the new furniture, LVC's president, Dr. David Pollick, said that he was still awaiting a precise update.

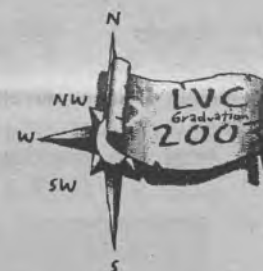
The new center will be open 24 hours, it can serve as an after hours hangout or study location long after the library and the Underground have closed up shop for the night. Andrew Orndorff, a sophomore, says, "I keep really late hours, so this is the best option." In addition, a small coffee shop/café run by Hallmark

Food Services is housed in the lower level, and provides an alternative to the cafeteria from 11-2 a.m. and 8-12 p.m. weekdays. It is even open from 8-12 p.m. on weekends.

Contributing even further to the general ambience of the center is a contemporary architecture with exposed wooden beams in the ceiling and black metal girders and piping that give it somewhat of a studio/warehouse feel. Big, hanging lamp lighting in the main hall of the center, combined with lights pointed at different angles on the brick wall make the overall lighting very welcoming and comfortable.

And one more thing. In the spring when the weather gets warmer and LVC finally sheds its coating of snow, the upper level has a balcony that could provide a nice place to sit and read or simply to relax and catch some sun. The fountain in front of the building will also be an added source of pleasure for students.

So don't knock it till you try it. Take a journey to the end of the row of dorms and peruse the new student center. It's hard to find places to go on campus if your sleep schedule doesn't line up with your roommate's, or your computer breaks down or even just if your lounge just isn't comfortable enough. The new student center provides solutions for all of these problems. And hey, if there is something that you want to see added to the center once it is all complete, contact president Pollick or the residential life staff. The building's foremost purpose is to increase the quality of life on campus for the students, so help them out.



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# Stanson shows his true love for the Valley

By Timothy Flynn

If Gregory Stanson told you that the sky was purple, you'd believe him. The college's Vice President for Enrollment and Student Services, Stanson is so sincere and down-to-earth when he speaks that you can't help but trust him instantly. His perpetual congenial smile puts students at ease when they're talking to him over the stacks of papers on his desk. Trust is an important part of his job, since being in charge of residential life for the over 1,500 full-time students at Lebanon Valley College requires a great deal of interaction with students, faculty and staff.

"Every student has a different set of needs," Stanson says, "and that's what makes it so interesting!" The scope of his position is large; Stanson supervises everything from financial aid to meeting commuter students' needs to managing the Arnold Sports Center. "It's never the same any day," Stanson added.

Stanson has been on campus for 41 years, the first four as a student and the last 37 years as an administrator. "I visited the campus my senior year with an alumnus who

had talked to me about Lebanon Valley since I was in seventh grade," he recalls. "All I ever heard was 'Lebanon Valley, Lebanon Valley, Lebanon Valley,' so when it came time to apply to colleges . . . it was almost pre-ordained that I'd come to Lebanon Valley."

However, Stanson wasn't always on the track for college. A guidance counselor in high school told him that college might not have been in his best interests, but that experience, he says, changed his life and his career path. "That kind of interaction made me think that one can never, should never, must never give up on anybody, and that's been my philosophy. There are many ways to attack a problem, and the word 'never' is something I don't like to use in terms of aspirations."

After graduation, Stanson taught for several years, but returned three years later when he was offered a job recruiting new students. "Since I had such a very positive experience on campus, I came back in a minute, and I haven't left town since!" he says with a smile. He became the Director of Admissions in 1972, then was promoted to be the Dean of Admissions and Financial

Aid several years later. Stanson has been the college's Vice President for Enrollment and Student Services since 1991, when he took over for the retiring Dean Rinso Marquette, a man he calls his mentor.

Thirty-seven years is a long time to be in one place, but Stanson quickly attributed the reason for his stay to one thing: the people. "The students, the staff, the faculty, the support folks – these are good people who care deeply about each other," he says. "I feel so strongly about the people, and they do make a difference in people's lives."

"I have a very pronounced bias about this place!" he exclaims with a laugh. "I have spent all this time here and watched it grow and change and expand, and I've seen it touch so many lives. The general health and welfare of the kids is the most important thing I do." Of the changes Stanson has seen over the years, he's now in charge of one of the things that has changed the most – enrollment. When he was a student at LVC in the early '60s, the school had an enrollment of just 700. This fall, the school opened with a record-high full-time enrollment of 1,537. The goal, he says, is for the college to go beyond that to 1,600 students by the year

2005, and then hold there for a while. "The attendance won't go over 2,000 in my lifetime!" he says. "But we're still always looking ahead."

The biggest change, he says, is in the quality of students at LVC. "The visibility of the college has changed so dramatically. We're getting regional acknowledgement," he says. "I think Lebanon Valley was the best-kept secret in Central Pennsylvania for many years."

For Stanson, the hard work all pays off on commencement morning. "The most satisfying job, and it has never changed, is on commencement day," he says with a sentimental look in his eyes. "I literally stand and watch our students who have made it walk across that stage. I am invigorated, reinvigorated, and I feel so good that we've succeeded in that phase of their lives."

"I always used to tell students that if you can't look in the mirror after four years here and say 'Wow, I'm a different person,' then we've failed you. I like to believe that Lebanon Valley has made a profound difference in most of the students that we've had, and that's why I'm still here."

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## Thoughts from the Editor

If anyone is interested in writing for La Vie or would like to see an article on something specific, you are encouraged to attend meetings held every Monday at 6 p.m. in the College Center, or contact Joe Candio at 868-5723.

Well we're finally back from spring break, unfortunately. There's only half a semester left and senioritis is kicking in haha. I would like to apologize for not having La Vie published the past several weeks. I would like to dedicate this issue of La Vie to my staff, as well as a certain soccer player, sorry I can't give any names.

This week in Sports, we wrap up the spectacular winter season. On the front page, Sports Editor **Tyrone Broxton's** prediction may have been wrong about a Commonwealth title, but the ladies were able to acquire another title - the ECAC South championship over spring break. **Dave Farris** shares how the men's basketball team turned their season around. **Tim Flynn** recollects the final games in Lynch, while **Brian Andrews** comments on a surprising ice hockey campaign. As always stats, standings, Dutchmen Blurbs and Athletes of the Week. Enjoy!

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## LVC play hilarious

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inclined soldiers, and Cupid, complete with diaper and wings. With their shimmering boxers, incredible impersonations, and silly antics these players overtook the leads and delighted the audiences. "It was great being able to have fun on stage, a lot of times people get parts that are really serious and well being a Protean, all of us shared a bond and we were able to take are part seriously, but at the same time be goofy and fun," said McGuire.

Also contributing to the incredible per-

formances was the talented pit orchestra conducted by Musical Director, Jennifer Rovito. "It is an honor to be conducting the music written for this great show and I am thrilled to lead a group of very talented musicians in the playing of it," she said.

As a whole the cast enjoyed the show and performing "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" as much as the audience enjoyed the show, "It was great just to be on stage with an incredible cast and be involved in making so many people laugh," said Ingalls.

## Mark you calendars!

**Lee Gutkind, founder and editor  
of Creative Nonfiction, is coming  
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## How does one say 'Big Mac' in Arabic?

By Joseph Litman

Michigan Daily (U. Michigan)

It's now official: We're getting another state; America East is coming. Booyakasha!

Who said that Manifest Destiny was dead? Who heralded the demise of our expansionist spirit? Who wrongly surmised that there no longer were frontiers available for exploration? In the most American of moves, we've found a new land to conquer, extending our nation's proud history of ingenuity. We don't know the word "can't." (What's that, you say? We're not the first state to colonize, to use a military action to dispose of a deplorable dictator? Well, America has done its fair share of stealing in the past, so calling someone else's idea our own is fairly American, too.)

The United States is expanding to 51, and as Puerto Rico continues to eschew statehood, our government is looking across the Atlantic, where Iraq has become the likely site of annexation. Iraq won't officially become a state because 50 is a workable number, but do not be fooled by semantics: Iraq will be an American outpost, at least for a while.

Those who have made my acquaintance or

have read this column in the past know that I will not be inviting President G-dub over to watch NBA League Pass in the near future, however, I need to give the man some dap because he picked a great place. Iraq is warm (Spring Break in Baghdad!) and resource-rich (everyone into their SUVs!). The only drawbacks are that it may be hard to separate church from state there (although, this administration may find that characteristic wholly positive) and it's kind of far, but that just means more frequent flyer miles.

Two other attractive elements working in Iraq's favor are the country's dysfunctional social and economic conditions, plights that the State Department has already conceded may preclude stable democracy. But who cares? Nothing is more American than those two familiar issues, and while the Iraqi people are far less advantaged and far more desperate than most Americans, only those who assess the United States through the rosy lens of romanticism could say that we've achieved a utopian democratic state, a nation where our political system exists alongside social and economic prosperity.

The latest evidence of our continuing problems emerged last week. First, the U.S. Senate banned, save only for cases of immi-

grant death, the intact dilation and extraction procedure now only rarely used to end pregnancy. Effectively, the Congress has unconstitutionally declared that the health of people like, oh, I don't know, women, is not of utmost importance and that more than half the population does not have absolute freedom over their bodies and their choices. That's great.

Second, the economic figures released were quite discouraging, because February saw joblessness increase and the dollar's value decrease. Fear over the impending war in the Middle East has limited our economy's recovery, making employers and investors wary. Not only is unemployment rampant, but also confidence in the U.S. markets is slipping, and investment may soon decline - a negative that outweighs a potential gain in exports -- the way that the job market has. Super.

On a larger scale, America remains afflicted by terrible gaps -- gaps in power, income, education, quality of life -- between the haves and the have-nots, and those schisms have created social stratifications that reward the privileged and the condemn the disadvantaged. As for democracy, one need only think back to the 2000 presidential elec-

tion for proof that we haven't even perfected the system that we superciliously champion.

However, it is a lot easier to export our imperfect American elsewhere than repair our deficiencies at home, and given the situation in Iraq, that country seems like a promising fixer-upper, a place where we can lessen the severity of the problems, bringing them up to suitable, American standards.

Enough with the serious talk, though, because no one likes that. Instead, the focus should be placed on the great potential of nation building in the Middle East. Yes, we're likely going to infuriate and galvanize U.S. opponents, but how great will it be once our soldiers, stationed in Iraq for at least a year without the proper skills needed to construct a nation, can walk past a former weapons plant and sit down in a pristine, air-conditioned McDonald's? Don't you think that the Iraqi people will enjoy driving to the mall so that they can cop the newest Nikes and watch the latest Chris Rock movie? If the price that we pay is a continued neglect of the issues in this country, so be it. As G-dub will readily tell you, he can only get reelected once. And it's not everyday that you can mismanage a country spanning two continents



# Hootie, company put 'blow' in 'Blowfish'

By David McCarthy - The Pitt News (U. Pittsburgh)

Back in 1994, Hootie and the Blowfish made a name for themselves by mixing a gospel-tinged Southern feel with a happy, sensible pop jangle. The vehicle "Cracked Rear View" sold more than 13 million copies, turned them into a household name, and gave them a huge audience of fans. Almost everybody owned a copy of that album, even if they won't admit to it.

Since the days of "Cracked Rear View," Hootie and the Blowfish have become increasingly less of a radio staple and increasingly more of a nostalgic pop-up video. While the band has released albums somewhat consistently throughout the '90s and into the new millennium, they have never returned to the commercial or artistic success of "Cracked Rear View."

Hootie's new release, a self-titled record, basically marks a comeback of sorts as it marks the first new material distributed by the band since 1998 and also because eponymous albums usually define a band's sound and focus.

Unfortunately, Hootie and the Blowfish suffers dearly from the shortcomings of all the other post-"Cracked" works. Gone completely are the productive pop and Southern whimsy of anything Hootie ever attempted. What is left is a mushy mess of 13 songs/disasters that commit the musical sins of cliché, sad love and misdirected spirituality.

What stands out immediately on "Hootie" is the complete failure of the lyrics. Darius

Rucker's words have always been charming and innocent, but now they sound like refried crap scrapped off Britney and Nelly records. On the track "Little Brother," he actually sings the phrases "sittin' in the crib," and "you're flossing again / you talk a good game," and then rhymes those with "you're just another football waiting to be tossed in the game." All that's left is for Rucker to freestyle some Jay-Z and cover Spear's "E-mail My Heart."

The rest of the record isn't much better. Several songs have heavily-produced string sections which aren't attributed to any of the band members. As proved by Dave Matthews' "Everyday" CD, over-production ruins bands that are supposed to sound raw. Every corner of "Hootie" resonates of new, flat, somber sounds that abandon everything that made "Cracked" so good. Even the religious references, which did exist on "Cracked," are botched. A track like "When She's Gone" only leaves you scratching your head at the moral.

Despite the group's somewhat "underground" status now, Hootie still has a number of loyal followers. But with all the dead time after 1998, rumors hinted at the band's breakup. The announcement of a 2003 album brought the hope of a new resurgence for the band that has never quite returned to form. After using five years to unofficially make a comeback only to release such a sub-par collection, one has to wonder why they bothered coming back at all.

## Study Abroad Office announces fourth annual photo contest

Have you studied off-campus with LVC? It's time to pull out your photo albums and boxes for the fourth annual Study Abroad Photo contest. Any current full-time LVC student who participated in an off-campus program may submit up to four photos that highlight their study off-campus experience. Prospective students and parents will judge all submitted photos during the LVC Live Open House in Lynch Gym between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Sat., April 5. Photos will be awarded in the following categories: 1) Most Scenic, 2) Most Abstract, 3) Most Amusing and 4) Viewer's Choice. Entries can win for more than one category.

### OFFICIAL PHOTO CONTEST RULES:

- 1) Contest is open to current full-time students who participated in one of LVC's off-campus programs.
- 2) All photos for the contest must be received in Humanities 206 by 4 p.m. on Monday, March 31.
- 3) You may enter 2x5, 4x6 and/or panoramic prints or send scanned images via e-mail. If you choose to enter your photos electronically, files must be in JPEG (.jpg, .jpeg, or .jpe) format. File size must be no larger than 45K. The maximum width or height of the image must be no larger than 300 pixels. Minimum dimensions should be no smaller than 200x200 pixels.
- 4) Each entry must include name, e-mail or telephone number, and a description of the photo location. Color prints should be enclosed in an envelope with the identification information printed on the outside of the envelope. Electronic prints should be sent with identification information as an e-mail attachment.
- 5) No more than four photos per person may be submitted.
- 6) The winner of each category will receive a \$20 gift certificate to the restaurant or store of his/her choice within Lebanon County.
- 7) Winners will be notified by e-mail or telephone no later than April 11. Winner's names will also be posted in *La Vie*.
- 8) All entries may be used for Study Abroad promotional events at any time.
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## Things heat up in Iraq

By Timothy Burdis

Back on February the 13th I wrote an opinion piece promoting the potential war with Iraq. Today, we are most likely already engaged in a war to oust the Iraqi dictator.

Let first make this clear, I do not want war; I see a grave necessity for war. If this were a situation that could have been resolved peacefully, it would have been in 1998 before President Bill Clinton preemptively bombed Baghdad, without "approval", because Hussein had kicked out UN inspectors. But you know, I don't remember hearing the peaceful outcry then, or when Clinton decided to go around the UN and use NATO to oust Milosovich, a man who did not admit to having anthrax and VX gas.

The point is: we are faced with a dictator right now who is brutal to his own citizen's, neighbors and openly funds suicide bombers against Israelis. There is a threat to us posed by him holding biological & chemical weapons his government admitted to having, but can not provide proof of destruction. His government also has two missiles that reach beyond their mandated range as reported in the Blix report. This has been taking 12 years to disarm him, and the United Nations has failed; like they had failed in Somalia, Rwanda, and Kosovo. And who comes to the rescue, America. And who is victimized by the world for being bullies, America. It is a damn shame that the loudest voices are sometimes the dumbest.

In a post 9/11 world, I am not comfortable leaving a man in power who has intentions to harm my family and yours. If you want to take that risk, you're taking your own right to life out of your hands and placing it in the hands of a tyrant. You are now letting someone else gather the necessary tools to harm others because we should listen to those who refuse to fight because of economics- not facts. Russia, they can barely handle a war economically, France- provided Iraq with these weapons on the black market in exchange for oil deals, which will come to

light more in the next few weeks.

The geopolitical landscape changed when those 4 planes were hijacked and used as weapons. For too long we have turned a passive back on our enemies and allowed them to plot massive destruction on us. In today's time, the only answer is a proactive approach. And where's the fine line between a proactive approach and harassment? Good question, but that won't be tackled today. But, as the world's military and economic power we have the right and obligation to rid those who are openly harming people, plotting against the free world, and especially those that have demonstrated genocide and cannot account for weapons of mass destruction.

Also, I would like to mention the need for solidarity at this point. Personal beliefs about this war aside, a strong front should be shown by all citizens for our troop's and country morale. We're at war now, nothing said about why we are there, or personal attacks about our President is beneficial- after the war is another issue, there we can learn from mistakes or successes. For the good of country, accept that we're in war and that there is nothing you can do to stop that.

I also think British Prime Minister, Tony Blair and his country have not received the credit they deserve for standing tall with America the whole time. So for that, I think they should be thanked.

On a final note, I would also like to point out people like Tom Daschle and The Dixie Chicks offer nothing useful. In Daschle's case; he publicly criticized Bush for, "failing miserably at diplomacy." Sorry Mr. Daschle, I'm afraid it was Saddam Hussein who failed at diplomacy; you see he's the criminal here, as much as you would like to make Bush out to be.

As for the Dixie Chicks whose lead singer said that she regretted Bush was from the same state as them, Texas. When I start looking for political advice from entertainers, I'll turn to C-Span for my music.

## France has done nothing wrong

By Douglas Moser

I've noticed, in my advanced years, that many people in this country cannot hold two opposing thoughts in mind at one time. This is a hallmark of intelligence and it is fairly alarming that this disability is so prevalent in our society. Two opposing thoughts at one time is not difficult and is not contradictory. For instance, O.J. killed his wife *and* the police are corrupt.

Here is another example: The French are our allies *and* they disagree with us. The news in the past few weeks has been a carnival freak show of American simple-mindedness. A restaurant owner in North Carolina is changing the name of his French fries to freedom fries. A lawmaker in this state wants to introduce a bill that would remove all French wine from Pennsylvania liquor stores.

My brother and I got into an argument one time. When he would not agree that we should eat at six instead of five, I took all his Hot Wheels and told him I would throw them out the window unless he changed his mind. I was seven at the time. In the present case, unfortunately, grown adults feel the need to throw France's Hot Wheels out the window unless they toe our line.

Changing French fries to freedom fries, in fact, is an almost sickening contradiction. By acting to quash the free dissent of another nation, this man does not support freedom, our troops or our country; he looks more like the oppressive dictator we are about to topple. While this restaurant owner is parroting freedom, he should change the name of his shop to the Baghdad Café. That

would at least show a little more consistency in his thinking.

These people need to be reminded of something very important: We are not at war with France. The French have not attacked us, they have not threatened us and they are not our enemies. They are a sovereign, free democracy who disagree with the direction this country is taking. Europe is not America's cheerleading section. It does not exist to stand behind us and shake its fist at whomever we are angry with at any given moment like half-witted cronies in bad 1940s gangster movies.

Friends will never agree on everything. Two people will always have differences no matter how close they are; the same principle applies to allied nations because, obviously, those nations are made up of people. France can be our friend *and* oppose a given move the United States makes.

In living up to our own rhetoric of taking the moral high road, we should keep in mind that lively, rational dissent is the most indispensable part of a free society. Rather than pitching a fit over a disagreement, we should show some maturity by accepting a centuries-old ally as a friend who does not see our point of view on this issue.

Don Rumsfeld does not need to refer to them as the Old Guard; the New York Post does not need to superimpose the head of a weasel on the French ambassador to the United Nations; a simpleton in North Carolina does not need to remove the word French from his fries.

What we do need to do is accept dissent as a characteristic of a free society.

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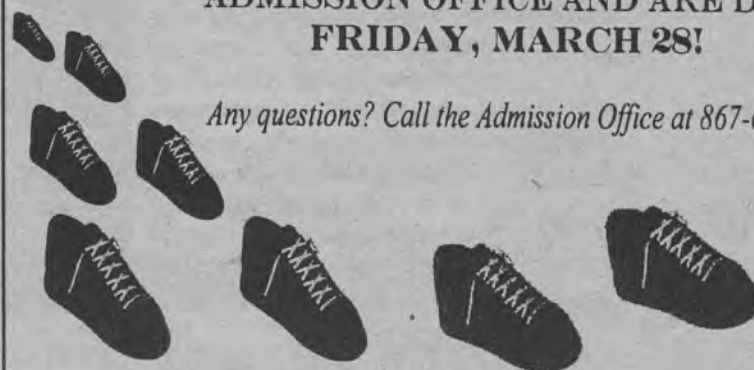
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# Lynch Gym goes out with a bank shot for the ages

By Timothy Flynn  
Sports Writer

Lynch Gymnasium knew it was already sentenced to death. On Feb. 22, it was doing everything it could to go out with a bang. The rainy Saturday afternoon saw four games, dozens of alumni, 1,300 fans, 41 points from Jon David Byers, and two unforgettable overtimes. You couldn't ask for a more fitting end to the 53 year-old gym that had the reputation of being the most intimidating in NCAA Division III basketball.

It was already a foregone conclusion that the men's game against Messiah would be the last men's game to ever be held at Lynch. With a win, the Dutchmen would clinch the fourth and final seed in the Commonwealth tournament, with no chance of hosting a playoff. However, the motivation was all there for the men to put on an amazing show - win, and the season would be one game longer. Lose, and the season goes the way of Lynch.

The Dutchmen led by as much as 11 early in the second half, but the last-place Messiah Falcons, playing for respect, wouldn't die. After Messiah's Dave Henninger pulled the Falcons even with 1:38 to go in the game, the Falcons missed a jumper. Freshman forward Dan Hogan would get the final shot for LVC, but missed an off-balance three-pointer from the

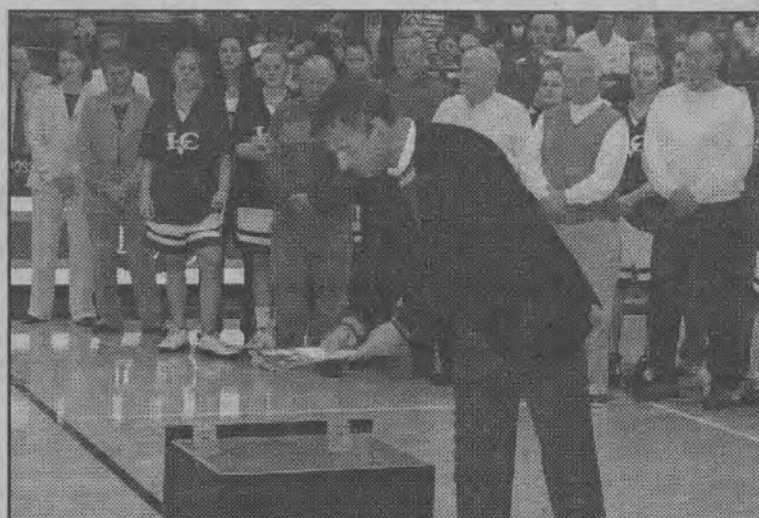


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**President G. David Pollick adds items from Lynch to the time capsule, which will be placed in the new arena for good luck.**

right baseline as the buzzer sounded to send the game to overtime. Then it was time for J.D. to take over.

Byers hit three treys in the extra period, and scored all 12 of the Dutchmen's points. Still, the men found themselves down by three with three seconds left in the game. After the intentional foul from Darren Pugh, Greg Bernhardt went to the line to shoot two and ice the game. Amazingly, Bernhardt missed both of them.

No one in attendance will forget what happened next.

Pugh grabbed the rebound, immediately outletting to Byers.

Byers weaved through two defenders to half-court with just one second left, and threw the ball into the air. In a split-second that lasted forever, the ball sailed through the air, 1,300 pairs of eyes fixed on it. It took one bounce off the backboard and went in. Game tied, double overtime. Lynch erupted.

Messiah's fans, expecting the win, sat stunned at first, then gave Byers a standing ovation. "The Shot" was so amazing that even the Messiah players came over to the LVC bench to congratulate Byers. The rest of the game was just a footnote. The spirit of Lynch wouldn't let them lose this time. Byers would score four more in

the second OT, ending up with a career-best 41 points, a school record eight three-pointers, and five assists in the 85-82 win.

After a ceremony between games to fill a time capsule commemorating Lynch, the women were ready to take the court, albeit 50 minutes late. The Dutchmen were fighting for the second seed in the playoffs and a home playoff game, but it would have to come at the hands of arch-nemesis Messiah. The fates would not conspire so well for the women; Lynch's spirit was exhausted. The women trailed by 15 at the half and never had a chance after that, eventually falling to the Falcons, 64-41. The loss meant that the women would have to travel to Moravian for the first round of the play-offs, making their game against Messiah the final varsity game at Lynch.

Next season, basketball and volleyball will compete in the cavernous new arena that is quickly rising from the mud next to the Arnold. As luxurious and modern as the new arena will be, no one who ever played or watched a game in Lynch will be able to forget it. Although everyone will remember something different - the rock-hard creaky bleachers, legendary public address announcer Judge John Walter '53, the stifling heat - no one will be able to forget it.

## Conference Standings

### Women's Hoops (FINAL)

Messiah	28-3, 14-0 .903
Leb. Val	21-6, 10-4 .778
Moravian	20-8, 10-4 .714
Widener	14-12, 6-8 .538
Susq. U.	13-10, 6-8 .565
E-Town	8-17, 5-9 .320
Juniata	9-15, 5-9 .375
Albright	2-21, 0-14 .087

### Men's Hoops (FINAL)

Susq. U.	18-8, 11-3 .692
E-Town	18-9, 10-4 .667
Moravian	15-6, 8-2 .714
Leb. Val	13-13, 8-6 .500
Juniata	13-12, 7-7 .520
Widener	11-14, 6-8 .440
Albright	4-19, 3-11 .174
Messiah	7-16, 2-12 .304

### Ice Hockey (FINAL)

Wentworth	21-5-3, 13-1-2 .776
Leb. Val	20-6-1, 14-2 .759
Curry	18-9, 13-3 .667
Fitchburg St.	16-8-2, 12-3-1 .654
Johnson & Wales	14-11-1, 11-4-1 .558
UMass-Dart.	15-7-3, 9-6-1 .660
Salve Regina	11-13-1, 8-7-1 .460
Worcester St.	8-14-3, 7-7-2 .380
Suffolk	9-5-2, 6-4-1 .625
Plymouth St.	5-15-5, 3-9-4 .341
W. New Eng.	5-16-2, 4-11-1 .261
Nichols	4-17-2, 3-13 .217
Framingham St.	3-20-1, 2-14 .146

## Dutchmen Ice Hockey: Looking at another incredible year

By Brian Andrews  
Sports Writer

It is hard to see a team like the LVC ice hockey squad lose in the ECAC Northeast conference championship game for the second straight year. However, instead of dwelling on this upsetting loss, we should look at the success, and memories the team had during the 2002-03 season.

The Dutchmen battled adversity on countless occasions and played in the title game for the third straight year that many felt they had no chance of making.

Before the season started, many experts doubted LVC's ability to be a strong contender in the league. They were portrayed as weak and inexperienced due to the large majority of the team being freshman with the loss of 12 seniors. But to look and see what the team has achieved this year, it

would be very hard to link those assumptions when describing them. With the odds stacked against them before the season even began, Valley stepped up to meet the challenge head on.

"Even though we did not win the title this year, we fought to become a feared competitor, and gained respect along the way," commented senior captain Tim Rink. "I felt this season was very successful because of the many odds we overcame as a team.

There were so many critics who said that we would only be decent at best. The four seniors just took that as motivation and we made it our goal to be successful this year. And to have a freshman class come in and play as good and hard as they did was a big key to how the season played out. Even though we lost in the championship game, I am happy to see and how far we have come."

Two freshmen that had major roles in the successful campaign were forward Cameron Vandever, and goalie Sonny Holding.

Vandever, named to the All-Rookie team, finished fifth on the squad with 30 points on 12 goals and 18 assists. He also tied for sixth in the ECAC Northeast conference games in freshman scoring (20 points; 10 goals, 10 assists). In addition, he led the conference in game-winning goals (4) and is tied for first in the country in the same category (6).

Holding had a remarkable year setting a single-season school record with three shutouts, and had a winning streak during the season that lasted for 10 games. He concluded the year with a record of 12-4-0, allowing 2.23 goals-against average and a .936 save percentage, which ranked ninth in the nation. In conference play, Holding was 9-1-0 and sec-

ond in the league in both goals-against average (1.78) and save percentage.

Even though the freshman were a major part in LVC's second twenty-game win season, much of it needs to be credited to the leadership of senior captains Ben Kwon, Brian Yingling, and Rink, who were all named as First Team All-Stars this season.

Rink was the team's second-leading scorer with 36 points on nine goals and 27 assists. He also earned First Team honors in 2001. With 1.38 points per game, he was the leading scoring defenseman in the nation.

Kwon was also named to the ECAC Northeast First Team for the second straight season. The defenseman has scored 32 points on five goals and 27 assists and ranked second in the nation in defenseman scoring with 1.23

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# Panko Named as CBA Most Valuable Player

## Inside the Numbers...

Courtesy of Sports Information

ANNVILLE, Pa. – The Continental Basketball Association (CBA) announced on Monday that Dakota Wizards forward Andy Panko '99 has been named as the 2002-03 CBA Most Valuable Player. The 6-9, 222-pound former LVC standout led his team to its second CBA National Conference regular season title in as many CBA seasons, behind his 22.8 points per game (second in CBA) and 8.4 rebounds per game (sixth in CBA).

In 25 of his 45 games (56 percent) Panko, the recipient of three National Conference Player of the Week awards, was the Wizards' top scorer. He tallied a team-high 15 double-doubles (fifth in CBA) and shot 52.9 percent from the floor (360-680), 87.7 percent from the charity stripe (243-277, fifth in CBA), and 43.4 percent (62-143, fifth in CBA) from three-point range.

Panko joined Dakota on February 16, 2002. In 15 regular season games last season, he averaged 12.2 points and 5.5 rebounds per game while helping to lead the Wizards to a CBA Championship in their first season in the league. In four playoff games, Panko posted 17.3 points and 5.0 rebounds per game.

Since graduating from Lebanon Valley as the school's all-time leading

scorer (2,515 points), the 1999 Division III National Player of the Year has participated in four pro summer leagues, including stints with the Los Angeles Lakers (1999, 2000), Chicago Bulls (2001), and Milwaukee Bucks (2002). During the 2000-01 season Panko made a brief appearance with the Atlanta Hawks, appearing in one game.

The MVP award was voted on by CBA head coaches. Yakima Sun Kings forward Damien Cantrell was second in the balloting, Rockford Lightning guard Ronnie Fields was third, Lightning guard Albert White ranked fourth, Grand Rapids Hoops forward Jerald Honeycutt was fifth, and Gary Steelheads guard Bryant Ntree and Wizards center Oliver Miller tied for sixth. To be eligible players must have played in 24 (half of the 48-game schedule) games and must be in good standing with the CBA. Coaches could not vote for their own players.

This is Dakota's second annual award this season and its sixth in two seasons. On Mar. 10 swingman Kevin Rice was named as the 2002-03 Defensive Player of the Year. Last season head coach Dave Joerger earned Coach of the Year honors and guard Miles Simon took home a CBA-record three annual awards (MVP, Newcomer of the Year, and Playoff MVP).

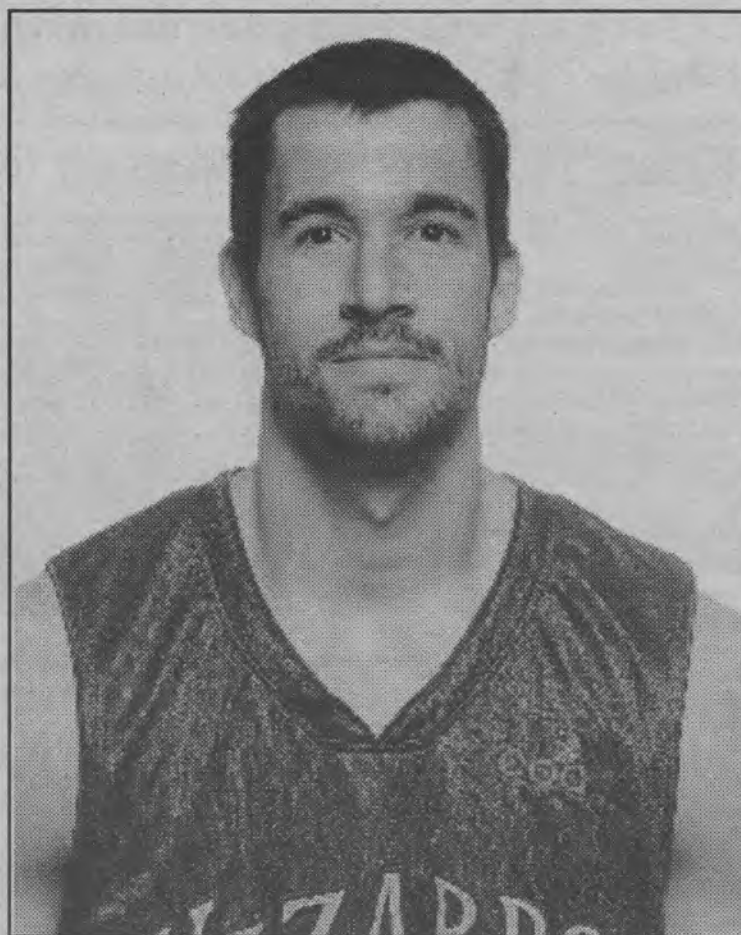


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LVC's all-time leading scorer hopes to don a NBA jersey next year as his professional journey continues.

### WINTER STATS

#### Men's Hoops

**Points:** (438) J.D. Byers  
**Pts/Game:** (16.8) J.D. Byers  
**Boards:** (324) Darren Pugh  
**Assists:** (122) J.D. Byers  
**Steals:** (35) J.D. Byers  
**Blocks:** (35) Darren Pugh  
**F. Goal %:** (.587) D. Pugh  
**3-pt. %:** (.422) J.D. Byers

#### Women's Hoops

**Points:** (422) Steph Tighe  
**Pts/Game:** (15.6) Steph Tighe  
**Boards:** (261) Jen Northcott  
**Assists:** (144) Crystal Gibson  
**Steals:** (65) Erin Eaby  
**Blocks:** (48) Jen Northcott  
**F. Goal %:** (.452) T. Rogers  
**3-pt. %:** (.345) Steph Tighe

#### Ice Hockey

**Goals:** (36) Brian Yingling  
**PP Goals:** (11) Brian Yingling  
**Assists:** (29) Brian Yingling  
**Points:** (65) Brian Yingling  
**Saves:** (349) Sonny Holding  
**Pen. Min.:** (53) D. MacCormack  
**G. Winners:** (6) C. Vandever

## Women: ECAC South Champions

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Other notables in the championship game included senior small forward Chrissy Bigler who registered nine points and seven rebounds. While Tamika Rogers came off the bench with 14 points and 11 boards, Erin Eaby posted 13, and Jennifer Northcott added 10. Point guard Crystal Gibson, as always, did the dirty work, recording eight assists, five steals and four blocks in the win.

"There was no way we could end our season on our worst losing streak in two years," said Gibson. "Winning the ECAC championship made the ups and downs of the season more worth it."

Earning post season honors for the second straight year were Tighe and Northcott.

Tighe was named to the first-team, while Northcott earned second-team honors. Tighe was also named a D3Hoops.com first-team regional all-star.

An argument could have been vouched for Gibson who was snubbed in the voting for post-season recognition. She obliterated her assists record of last year (121), dishing out 144 dimes (42 better than any-

one else in the Commonwealth) and averaged 5.3 assists per game, which also set a new mark. In addition, Gibson upped her scoring average three digits to eight points a night and improved her field goal percentage from .269 to .443.

Next season, with the core of the team returning being juniors with no one in senior standing and Messiah losing their talented crop of players, Valley most likely will be projected to finish first in the league. Hopefully, they will be able to learn from the trials of not obtaining their goals this season and christen the new gymnasium with the Commonwealth championship that has eluded the team the past two years.

"This graduating class definitely had a strong impact on LVC basketball and the MAC," said Tighe. "We are very proud that we are now recognized as a powerhouse throughout the league and we hope that this tradition of winning seasons will continue. We hope our teammates are lucky enough to make it to the NCAAs for us, and when they do we'll be right there on the sidelines cheering for them."

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### LVC hockey proved its legit

points per game.

Rink and Kwon combined as one of the best defensive combinations in the conference. Together they came up big in LVC's penalty-killing unit that ranked currently ranks second in the nation at 89.7%.

Yingling put together a memorable season for himself by not only earning First Team honors for the third season in a row, but was also being named the Player of the Year.

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Overall, Yingling notched 35 goals and 29 assists, and was the NCAA Division III leader in points per game (2.46) and second in goals per game (1.35). By recording 25 goals and 16 assists in 16 league games, he finished as the ECAC Northeast leader in both points per game (2.56) and goals per game (1.56). Yingling ends his career holding nearly all of Lebanon Valley's offensive

records, including career points (209), goals (110) and assists (99).

The freshmen class had great leaders in front of them to set the standards of what it takes to win a championship. The winning attitude was passed on to yet another class, and there is no doubt that the LVC ice hockey team will be a force to reckon with for many future seasons to come.

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## Dutchmen Blurbs...

- The defending Commonwealth champion **baseball team** is projected to finish first in this year's pre-season poll. Valley earned 5-of-6 first place votes.
- On Feb. 26, former LVC baseball star **Tommy Long '02** was named assistant coach.
- Junior outfielder **Jeff Grieger** and sophomore pitcher **Dennis Reilly** of the baseball team were named Commonwealth Conference Players of the Week for their performances last week in the team's Spring Break Trip
- Last Thursday, senior forward **Brian Yingling** of the ice hockey team, was named ECAC Northeast "Player of the Year." He put together a spectacular season as one of the top offensive threats in the nation, with 35 goals and 29 assists. He was also garnered first team all-star honors.
- Senior icers **Ben Kwon** and **Tim Rink** were both named first team ECAC All-Stars, while freshmen **Cameron Vandever** and **Sonny Holding** were named to the All-Rookie team.
- **Jon David Byers** was named Commonwealth Conference Player of the Week and to the D3Hoops.com Team of the Week for scoring 57 points in the final two games of the men's basketball regular season, including a 41 point effort over Messiah College..
- In Hoops, **Darren Pugh** and **Byers** were named first team Commonwealth All-stars; while on the women's side, **Stephanie Tighe**, the ECAC South MVP, was named a first-team all-star. Sophomore center **Jennifer Northcott** was named to the second team.

## ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Junior **Amy Wagner** and sophomores **J.D. Byers** and **Dennis Reilly** have earned this week's *Sports Editor Athletes of the Week Awards* for their recent performances.

On Feb. 16 at the Widener Invitational **Wagner** recorded a season-best 9'7" mark in the pole vault to win the event.

**Byers** was clutch the final two games of the season, scoring 57 points including the game-winning bucket versus Juniata before his half-court overtime buzzer beater to tie the game forcing double OT versus Messiah.

Pitching ace, **Reilly** (1.29 ERA) went 2-0 last week in fourteen total innings pitched. He led Valley to a 4-1 triumph over John Jay College before upsetting The College of New Jersey, 5-4. He was named National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association (NCBWA) Pitcher of the Week.

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## They'll take it: Women win ECAC South Tourney

By Tyrone Broxton  
Sports Editor

Prior to the start of the 2002-03 women's basketball season, I pronounced ten reasons why the ladies should win it all; and though my prediction was incorrect, last week Valley concluded a slightly disappointing season on a high note, claiming hold to a piece of hardware – the ECAC South championship.

It is almost fitting or ironic in a sense that LVC finished the year the way it began – champions. In the season opener at the 15th annual Franklin & Marshall College Spoonaugle Tournament, the Dutchmen upended Delaware Valley College in the semi's, before edging the hosting Lady Diplomats in the title game, 80-78.

On Saturday, Mar. 8, the second-seeded Dutchmen refocused from suffering their third straight loss (a 58-56 Commonwealth semi-final defeat to

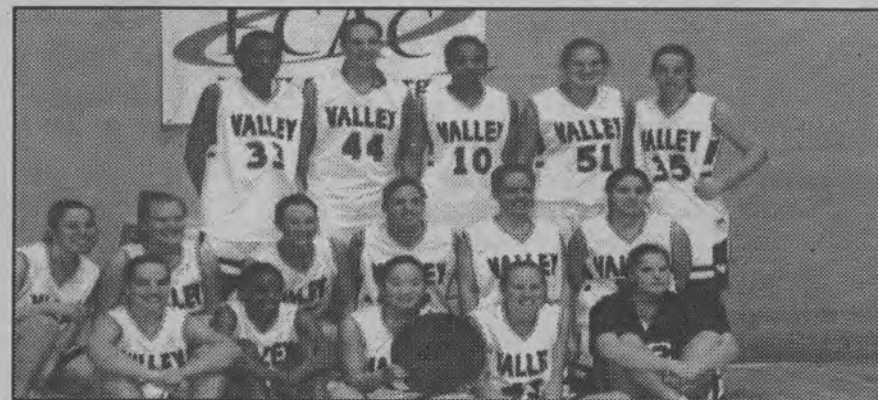


Photo courtesy of Kelly Ogurchak

**The women pose for the cameras after defeating Swathmore College, 61-58 to win the first significant championship in women's basketball history.**

Moravian College) when they traveled back to Bethlehem to compete in the ECAC South Tournament, which is a regional tournament similar to the Division I National Invitational Tournament (NIT) for teams who fail to get a NCAA bid.

Recollecting last year's upset loss in the semi-final of the ECACs at the hands of F&M, LVC was determined to finish the

year on a positive and did so. But it wouldn't be easy, as Valley took on third-seed McDaniel College, a team who defeated the Dutchmen twice in 2001-02.

At the half, it looked as if the Green Terror would avenge an earlier season loss to the Dutchmen as they took a 27-21 advantage into the locker room, but a determined Valley squad outscored McDaniel by nine in the

second en route to a 61-58 victory.

In the final, the Dutchmen were able to hold off a scrappy fourth-seeded Swathmore team, 71-66, to win the first significant championship in women's basketball history.

"The end of our season was bitter sweet," said quad-captain Kelly Ogurchak. "After losing to Moravian in the MACs, we came to the

realization that our big goal of the NCAA bid was not going to happen. But after finding out we got the number-two seed in ECACs, we were motivated by the fact that we still had a chance to win a championship. We (the seniors) feel good about earning the banner for the new gym, and ending our careers with a championship."

All-time women's scorer **Stephanie Tighe**, who finished her career with 1,663 points and 747 rebounds, was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player for her respective 16 and 17 point performances.

"It was nice to end my career with a win and a championship trophy, that will be something I'll never forget," said Tighe. "The MVP award was a nice personal accomplishment but I'm happier that my senior class could end our careers with a win."

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## Men surge at end to 11th straight playoff appearance

By Dave Farris  
Sports Writer

How do you take a seemingly dead end season and potential season-ending slump and turn it into something spectacular? Just ask the LVC men's basketball team and they'll tell you about the roller-coaster ride they went on this year.

The season started out in good fashion for the men, as they went into the midseason break with a ledger of 6-5 and 1-1 in the Commonwealth. The basketball gods seemed to be smiling upon these Dutchmen hoopsters. But, just as things seem their brightest, darkness befell these basketball warriors.

Problems began to plague the team on and off the court. On the court, the men lacked chemistry, as the freshmen were still learning the system. They were being out-rebounded, out-played and out-smarted by teams that were taking advantage of the communication problems between all Dutchmen members. Off the court, arguments continued as the team lost their cohesiveness and three varsity members. The lack of heart and disorganization resulted five straight losses that put the team in a tie for last place. Hope had all but been lost for the team by friends, fans and onlookers.

What happened next was nothing short of amazing. With the season half gone, two leaders arose from the chaos, Head Coach

Brad MacAlester and Darren Pugh. These two men took a distained team and created heroes. With nine games left in the season, the Valley came together winning seven-of-nine, including a five game streak, complete with a regular season exclamation point.

The spirits of Lynch Gymnasium made certain the Lebanon Valley men's basketball team would come away victorious in the final game on its home floor. In the last men's basketball game ever in 53-year-old Lynch gym, sophomore guard J.D. Byers erupted for a career-high 41 points, including a miraculous half-court buzzer-beater to lead LVC to a thrilling 85-82 double overtime Commonwealth Conference victory over Messiah College on Senior Day, Feb. 22.

With LVC trailing 78-75 with just 3.9 seconds remaining in the first overtime and Messiah's Greg Bernhardt heading to the foul line to shoot a pair of free throws, defeat seemed imminent for the Flying Dutchmen. However, Bernhardt missed both foul shots and senior center Darren Pugh snared the rebound, setting up a storybook finish. Pugh handed the ball to Byers, who weaved his way through a crowd of Falcons before launching a 50-footer from center court at the buzzer. The shot caromed off the backboard and through the net, inciting a capacity crowd into mayhem.

The win, Lebanon Valley's fifth in a row, clinched the 11th straight Commonwealth



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**Byers connects on one of his record eight three pointers, as he scored a career-high 41 points to lead Valley to a thrilling double-overtime victory over Messiah College.**

Conference playoff berth for the Flying Dutchmen and the team's ninth straight under MacAlester. Lebanon Valley, who entered the Commonwealth playoffs as the No. 4 seed, traveled to No. 1 seeded Susquehanna University for a first-round game. The loss is not what will be remembered about this season. Our memories instead will burn with the display of courage and perseverance that made this season great. The heart that the men's basketball team played with when their backs were to the wall is an inspiration to us all.





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## Tent-ative protestors?

By Tim Burdis

Today we are engaged in a liberation of the Iraqi people. Cutting through the public relations semantics, we're at war to oust Saddam Hussein. There are those who feel strongly about our presence to remove the Baath Party regime, but there is an ever-growing voice throughout the country committed to reciprocate their view against the war.

While some movements may seem far away, even here on our own campus we have a group of students who are attempting to increase awareness about the war and its issues. Some commonly refer to them as, "the tent people." In short, that sums up a surface viewpoint of the group who has been camping outside of Miller Chapel since Thursday March 20th. One-day after the first strike in Iraq, and those involved vow to be there until the troops come home.

The encampment, originally started by members of Students Active for Global Awareness (SAGA), has seen an increase from four to 24 in their week and a half of demonstration. Though, some demonstrating students are simply against this war and not necessarily members of SAGA, students involved in the "sit-out" quickly stated that they were in support of our troops and their actions were not exactly "protesting" the war, but an attempt to increase student's awareness about the war and its historical background leading up to the conflict.

As students walk by the tents they can't help but wonder what propels someone to camp out for weeks. "It brings it home", stated the Co-President of SAGA Jordan Miller, "even if for a minute." Hoping to bring students into their camp to discuss and even debate issues about the war. Miller went

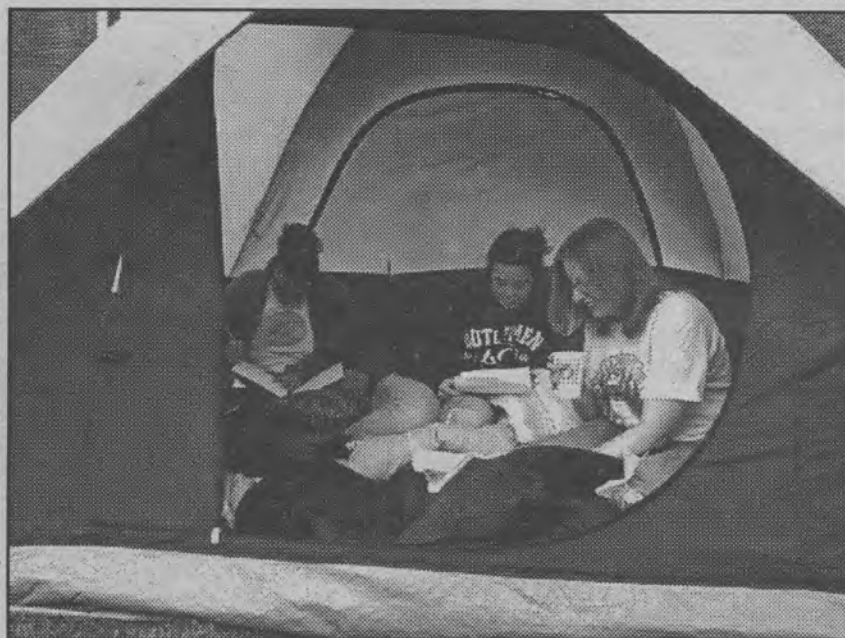


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Three LVC students sit in their tent as part of their demonstration.

on to claim that, "I am a pacifist but others are out here for different reasons."

Eric Saner, the second Co-president of SAGA mentioned, "The Vigil is for all suffering in war, US troops, their families, Iraqis, their families foreign people- everyone directly affected by this war."

Whether for peace in the short or long term, the "tent people" are intended to bring discussion throughout this campus about the conflict. Saner concluded, "SAGA is not an anti-war or peace activist group...it's important to work to the demographics that bring about global awareness."

Whether "Hippy" or "High & Tight", "Conservative" or "Liberal" those in the tents, whether you agree

or disagree with them make Lebanon Valley and America what it is- a place for educational enlightenment and the freedom to speak your mind. (Those who disagree I encourage you to debate them and challenge your point of view- rather than take up violence against them, you would only be engaging in a act of educational supremacy, that of the Baath Party.)

An LVC resident, who wishes to remain anonymous stated, "I don't see what they plan to accomplish, the war is already engaged." The person went on to say, "When conservative students demonstrate politics, they don't have 'all the information,' when a liberal student demonstrates, they're 'enlightened.'"

## LVC student arrested for ordinance violations

By Ben Dover

On Monday March 31, an LVC student was arrested on ordinance violations. Annville Township Police along with LVC Public Safety, with both Lebanon Police and Palmyra Police on standby, stormed Dellinger Hall Monday afternoon at 2 and arrested senior English communications major Joe Candio. According to Annville Police, Candio had violated the noise ordinance, which was passed last semester, several times and had blueprint layouts and plans to violate the parking ordinances and make future noise violations.

Annville Police and LVC Public Safety were at a two hour standoff Monday when they first attempted to arrest Candio. Candio did not go quietly, in fact he wound up getting more noise violations because of his shouting and yelling from the window, which unfortunately for him was heard more than 50 feet away. Apparently Candio had gone about the small Annville community and on certain nights at 10:05 p.m., broke the noise ordinance, which begins at 10 p.m.

"It was the most awful thing ever. I fear for my life and the life of my family," said one Annville resident who wishes to remain anonymous. His family was "attacked" in late Jan. when Candio approached the house with a phonograph and blasted Quiet Riot's song, "Cum On Feel The Noise." Other incidences that Candio was involved in include running around the township with a megaphone just talking to people at a normal pitch. But, since he had a megaphone, his volume well exceeded the 50 feet maximum distance.

Another Annville resident, who also wishes to remain anonymous, has seen Candio around town causing nothing but trouble. "He's the reason we are leaving this town, and why Annville residents don't want to raise their children here," she said. "He's a bad influence to others. He's the one driving by honking his horn and urinating on parked cars and street signs."

Police found at Candio's Dellinger apartment, a blueprint layout of the parking system in Annville. Police, ironically, cannot seem to get Candio to talk about what he was planning, but they have a feeling it would require the attention of a lot of meter maids. Police are also unsure if anyone was working with him or if he operated alone. The only thing that is true; this is the biggest thing

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## Pets now welcome on LVC campus

By Jaclyn Bailey  
Copy Editor

Starting in the fall, Lebanon Valley College students will be allowed to bring man's best friend to school with them. However, cats, birds, hamsters and other rodent like animals will still be prohibited.

Jon Westcott, Director of Residential Life, said the decision came down to the welfare of the students and the benefits of having a furry, four-legged friend by your side. He said, "I remember back to my own days here at LVC and how much I missed my dog Skippy. I use to spend

my nights wishing that he was here at school with me."

Students in all dorms, houses, suites, and apartments will have the opportunity to bring a dog to school with them next year. However, there is a limit to the number of pets allowed. No more than 1 dog is allowed in a dorm room and no more than two dogs in a suite, house, or apartment.

Facility Services is in the process of determining play areas for the dogs. They hope to include fake fire hydrants, doggy slides and a scratching post in the plans. In addition, the area will be fenced in so that the dogs can have full

run of the park without leashes.

When asked about the problem of pooh-pooh the Director of Facility Services said, "We are in the process of hiring someone to be our official pooper scooper. This person will be responsible for policing the school grounds looking for land mines and for cleaning up the play area. We still plan on maintaining a beautiful campus."

There are no restrictions on the type or size of the dogs that students are allowed to bring to school. President Pollick hopes to see various dog breeds, Continued on page 9 both large and

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# Relay for life comes back to LVC for second year

By Cassandra Hoadley  
News Editor

On March 28th and 29th the LVC community participated in the 2nd Annual LVC American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. This event, to raise money for cancer research, involved approximately 40 teams made up of Lebanon Valley students, faculty, and staff, as well as some community members. Participating teams included Student Government, several sororities, athletic teams, the Chem. Club, the Anime Club, health classes, WLVC and La Vie as well as many others.

Walking began at 4 p.m. and opening ceremonies were at 6 p.m. and included a short video about the Relay for Life as a whole, as well as a guest

speaker Steph Lewis, the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner" by LVC student Alexis Cristoff and a prayer by LVC student Laurena Huebner. Cancer survivors in attendance were all given medals and started off the relay with all the team captains in the Survivor Lap.

Early in the evening, luminaries that lined the track were lit. These luminaries were in honor of or in memory of cancer survivors or victims of cancer. The names were all read aloud by a member of the American Cancer Society. Cristoff sang "Amazing Grace" as well.

The relay involved at least one member of each team to be walking during the entire 24-hour period. Food and games were all apart of the fun. Six-foot subs were provided for dinner

and snacks were available throughout the night. There was also a late-night barbeque for participants. Comedian Mike Birbiglia, bands including LVC's own Freddie Long and the Cover Girls provided entertainment and music for the walkers throughout the night. Students had the opportunity to play board games, swim, play basketball, bowl, do cardio pump, and even get back at a professor or administrator with "What's In My Bucket?". Several LVC faculty and administration members, including President Pollick, volunteered to be raffled off to have a bucket of mysterious goop dumped on them.

\$18,314.93 was raised during the event and throughout the week. Additional donations can be made by contacting Jen Evans or Rick Beard.



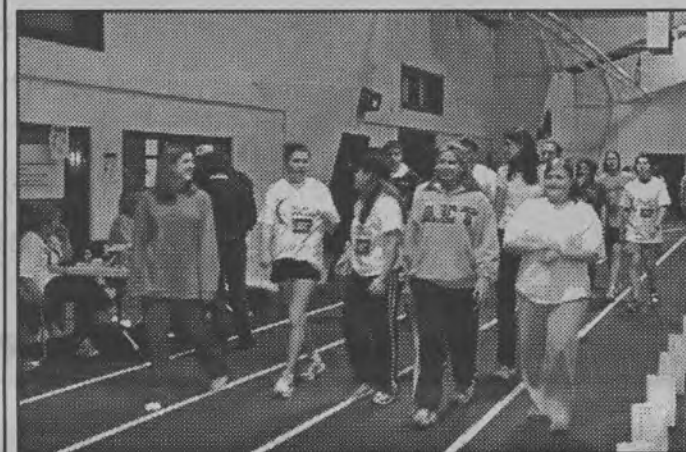
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Survivors of cancer take a victory lap around the Arnold Sports Center track to celebrate their success in defeating their illness.



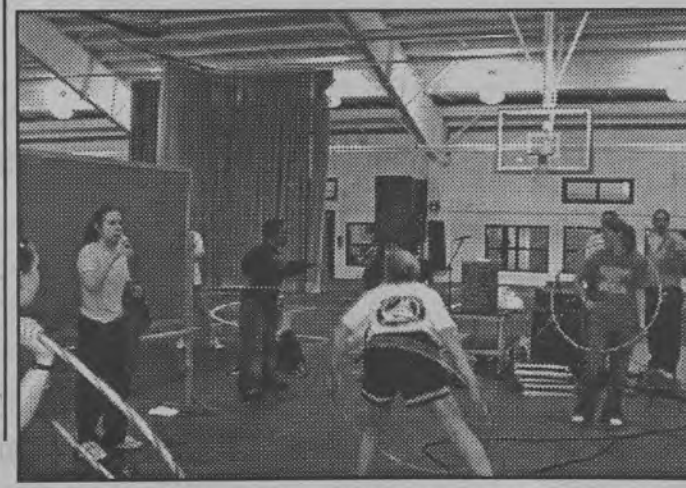
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(Above Left) President Pollick participates in the "What's in my bucket?" game, and falls victim to a mixture of relish and pickle juice. (Above Right) Pollick cleans up afterward. (Bottom Left) Assistant Professor of Economics, Paul Heise, is covered with a watery-mustard mixture. (Bottom Right) Assistance Professor of Business, Joel Kline, becomes the victim of a corn and cottage cheese mixture



Photos by Annalouise Venturella

(Above) Teams of students walk around the track for 24 hours straight to show their support for the fight against cancer. (Bottom) Students participate in a hula-hoop contest, one of many activities throughout the day designed to keep students awake and full of energy.



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## LVC student arrested

Continued from page 1 to hit the town of Annville since the, hmm, what would that be?

A friend of Candio's commented on his behavior saying that he just got fed up this last semester and went nuts. "With all the ordinances passed and how the Annville community hates us, because without our school, industry and commerce would flourish, but the companies fear the dangerous

dirty baseball hat wearing college kids, and Candio just lost it and got pissed off."

A court date has not yet been set, and Candio has been released on \$5,000 bail. The Township is looking to pass another ordinance on Monday April 7, which prohibits more than three unrelated people living together. Candio said he knows of people who are planning to have four people live together instead of three.

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## Ducks given dorm room in Keister

By Stacey Slowik  
Advertising Manager

After living in the peace garden for several years, the ducks will finally receive a place of their own, a dorm room on the first floor of Keister. Lebanon Valley College now feels that the ducks have earned the right to move inside during the cold weather. This room will be equipped with fake grass, a child size swimming pool, and a sun lamp. The ducks feel these things will make their room look good, but they will be making a trip to IKEA this summer to get a futon and some matching lamps.

Some students are worried that the ducks will not follow quiet hours and keep them up late at night, but the administration has assured students that the ducks will be informed of the rules.

Other students have voiced concerns that the ducks are allowed to have both males and females living in the same room, but students are not.

When asked why the students are not allowed to have coed rooming, administration responded by saying "frankly, we trust the ducks more than the students".

It seems that the students are not the only ones on campus who are unhappy with the ducks receiving a room. The swans who live next to North Lot feel they should also be entitled to a dorm room for the cold weather. One swan, who would like to remain anonymous, feels that "just because the swans come from the other side of the tracks doesn't mean that we don't want a room to live in. We feel we that all water fowl deserve the same benefits, and we will continue to fight for a room".

Administration had no comment.

In addition to the dorm room, the ducks have also asked for a meal plan so they can eat in the cafeteria. They feel that it is too cold in the winter to be outside searching for food when the cafeteria is so close to their new room. When asked if he felt if the students would be upset with ducks eating in the cafeteria, one duck said "hey, at least we aren't swans".

Administration is still discussing giving the ducks a meal plan, because they are not sure if it will be cost effective to buy shorter tables so the ducks have somewhere to sit.

## United States goes to war with Iraq

By Douglas Moser

The history has been going back for at least thirty years. The United States supported an Arab revolutionary and backed him with his own party during the 1970s. In 1980, the US again supported him in a war against Iran's Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, the radical cleric responsible for the sacking of the American embassy in Tehran and holding hostages for over a year.

In 1990, the American and Iraqi relationship soured. Saddam Hussein invaded neighboring Kuwait, setting in motion a six-month standoff that culminated in the United States repelling Iraqi troops out of the tiny gulf nation.

Twelve years later American troops again engaged Saddam's forces; this time the destination is Baghdad. On Wednesday, March 19, the United States began its second war with Iraq with what was termed a "decapitation strike" and several cruise missiles and precision bombs that demolished a bunker in Baghdad where American intelligence believed Saddam was hiding.

The following morning, American warplanes and battalions in the gulf targeted

Baghdad to disrupt the Iraqi chain of command. By Friday, American and British troops were swarming into southern Iraq through Kuwait, making a beeline for Baghdad. While punishing waves of air strikes destroyed key government buildings in the capital, coalition forces raced through the desert for nearly five days.

Resistance was light in the first few days, with minor firefights proving the exception rather than the rule. The third infantry was shown on cable news networks in real time speeding through a barren wasteland littered with old rusted Russian tanks, relics from the first conflict.

Iraqi troops surrendered by the hundreds. Public confidence, and media approbation, soared as pictures returned from the desert of lines of Iraqis with white flags. Reports also said that American and British forces advanced on the port of Umm Qasr, a small port city on the only strip of Iraqi territory that reaches the Persian Gulf.

The coalition met unexpected resistance in Umm Qasr and the city of Basra, Iraq's second largest city. The first Marine regiment broke from

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## New addition to Annville noise ordinance

By Annalouise Venturella  
Photo Editor

If you think tensions between Annville residents and Lebanon Valley College students can't get any worse, think again. In hopes of keeping college students in line, township officials voted last week on a new addition to the noise ordinance. This addition states that any LVC student caught breathing, sneezing, or coughing too loud outside of the College will be fined \$5,000 for disturbing the peace and be forced to help on the Eisenbaugh Farm by spreading fertilizer on the fields this spring.

"This is great," said Harvey Eisenbaugh, owner of the farm. "I knew I was going to be needing some help this year because me and Mildred are just getting too old to do this all by ourselves." Eisenbaugh, who has owned his family's farm since 1943, remembers a time when the only sounds he heard around town were cows mooing in the distance.

Annville residents are praising the township officials in their decision to curb loud college students. "We are tired of being awoken at 2 a.m. when students decide to walk past our houses and sneeze," said long-

time Annville resident Gertrude Fenster.

LVC students, however, found the new addition to be extremely ridiculous. "I can't believe the town is getting away with this," said Lily Jones. "The town won't even let us sneeze anymore in public." In mockery of the ordinance, about 50 students were seen peddling street wares on Sheridan Avenue and blasting music from their grandparents' phonographs. Several other students decided to defy the new addition by running past houses, sneezing and coughing. One student involved in that act was then seen being chased by an Annville resident, who was carrying a pitchfork and allegedly shouting, "you hoodlum, you're trying to spook my cows and chickens with that noise."

Annville Township officials were unavailable for comment, but they did issue a written statement to the College that said the new addition will be enforced and that students must abide by it. College officials are telling students not to provoke any Annville residents, and if anyone has video footage of the student being chased, several faculty and administrative members would like to see it.

## Four masked ninjas suspected of vandalism, theft spree at LVC campus

By Greg Couturier

Ever since the beginning of the fall semester this academic year, the crime rate at Lebanon Valley College has been astronomically high. Deviant behavior has almost quadrupled, irking and bewildering the campus police force. This unexplainable, utterly absurd crime spree has college officials scratching their heads.

In addition to the sheer randomness of the crimes, clues have been severely lacking. Authorities have had no hints that might tip investigators as to the identities of these five masked hoodlums. However, it has been reported that late Sunday night, freshman Geoffrey Morrison came to police with a lead.

Morrison stated, "Late last night at around ten o'clock I was in the student center to use the M.A.C. machine. I heard a noise to my left. When I turned, I saw a masked ninja in a black shirt and baggy white pants slide one of the ceiling tiles aside and lower himself down just in front of the cafeteria doors. He was suspended from a rope, kinda like Tom Cruise in

Mission Impossible. He then proceeded to pick the lock. Once he had it open, three other figures dressed in the same fashion dropped from the ceiling. Then the four of them slid through the door."

Morrison described the first masked man as very small in stature, with a black mask puffed up at the top indicating a frock of unruly hair. As for the other three "ninjas", Morrison reported that all three were between five feet 8 inches and six feet. He noted that for the most part they were silent, except for one brief exchange. When the first ninja was picking the lock, Morrison says one of the ninjas in the ceiling whispered, "Do it, but don't let anybody see you do it." The suspended ninja then responded, "Cheltam, I have it under control." Morrison was too scared at the time to apprehend the intruders, so he hid himself to watch events unfold. According to Morrison, the intruders never came back out. Authorities matched this incident with the mysterious disappearance of eight dozen cheesecakes, forty cans of cherry topping, several cases of taco shells, as well as one enormous

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## Two weeks of War in Iraq

Continued from page 3 to investigate reports that a supply crew that had accidentally driven into Nasiriya, a small city north of Basra with strategic bridges over the Euphrates River. Coalition forces began taking casualties, the first battlefield deaths of the war.

On Tuesday, March 25, the infantry division was stalled by a howling sandstorm, transforming images from imbedded reporters into Martian landscapes. When the dust settled, the Americans found that their drive toward Baghdad would have to slow down. Coalition forces dug in for intense battles outside Basra and in the streets of Umm Qasr. While those forces worked to secure those cities, Iraqi irregular soldiers attacked the third division's supply line from Kuwait.

Fighting intensified in Basra and Nasiriya as dawn broke on the eighth day of the war. At the same time, the United States parachuted 1,000 members of the 173rd Airborne Brigade into Kurdish-controlled territory in northern Iraq. The paratroopers opened a northern front, one that was delayed and dwarfed by neighboring Turkey's refusal to allow American forces to launch from its territory.

The American paratroopers and Kurdish forces sacked a camp of Ansar al-Islam, a terrorist group suspected of having ties with al Qaeda. In the south, street fighting raged in Basra and Nasiriya between coalition marines and Iraqi irregular forces. A new threat emerged from Basra and Nasiriya: The fedayeen Saddam, a paramilitary guerrilla group loyal to Saddam Hussein, drew American forces into urban warfare within those cities.

Meanwhile, the third division resumed its push northward, encircling the city of Najaf, nearly 100 miles south of Baghdad, to capture key bridges across the Euphrates River. Intensive fighting ensued and coalition casualties began to mount.

War planning changed sharply; American forces struck offensively at Iraqi resistance in urban areas to secure its supply line and protect its rear. Rather than bypassing cities on its thrust to Baghdad, the Americans and British began to secure key cities before tackling the Republican Guard divisions outside the capital.

Fighting raged for several days to capture southern cities. As troops found themselves searching door-to-door for guerilla fighters

in Basra and Nasiriya, Marines swept the waters off Umm Qasr for mines to clear a port for the Royal Navy's aid ship Sir Galahad. Humanitarian aid to Umm Qasr and Basra had been delayed for days due to mines on and under the water.

On March 29, a car exploded at an allied checkpoint outside Najaf, killing four Americans. Coalition troops suddenly had to contend with the threat of suicide bombings, with more promised by the Iraqi government.

Through the second weekend of fighting, allied forces secured nearly all of Basra, with intermittent skirmishes reported. The third infantry inched closer to Baghdad, launching minor probing attacks at the Republican Guard units outside the city. American missiles and bombers also struck those units to degrade their defensive capability.

Because the fedayeen fighters blend with the civilian population, combined with reports of civilians opening fire on troops, civilian casualties grew. Coalition forces realized a dilemma faced by American troops in Vietnam: Guerilla fighters out of uniform can turn the entire population into potential enemy combatants. Errant missiles or bombs exploded in two marketplaces in Baghdad, killing more civilians.

In the early hours of April 2, the third infantry began what was dubbed "the battle for Baghdad," the crucial battle at the core of the American offensive. The infantry engaged Republican Guard division severely battered by air strikes and helicopter attacks.

Heavy fighting was reported and allied troops on that front line prepared for possible chemical or biological attacks as they neared Baghdad. The Iraqis began moving a division of the Republican Guard south from Tikrit, Saddam's ancestral home, to reinforce divisions outside of Baghdad.

The decisive battle of the war lay ahead and an extensive siege may cost more civilian lives. American troops fight outside Baghdad, a city clouded by days of blazing oil trenches on its outskirts, in the push to capture the capital. A prolonged urban battle could send casualties soaring while securing a sprawling, thirty-mile city of five million people could potentially drag the war out for weeks or months.

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# Ninja theft on LVC

Continued from page 4 bag of oriental noodles.

This theft, just one in a long line of such occurrences, was the first perpetrated in the presence of a witness. Another Mary Green resident, Elia Ahadi, went on the record refuting his roommate's remarks. Ahadi stated, "Geoff always stays up really late, he probably was just hallucinating." In spite of this statement, in the past months, the library has noticed the theft of several Mexican cookbooks; the cafeteria has reported dozens of items missing from their storage rooms, and freshman Eric Penko has reported on several occasions that obscene messages have been

scrawled on his whiteboard. As this is the only tip security has to go on, all of these heinous acts are now thought to be the work of the mysterious "ninjas".

In spite of this, authorities are hopeful that with this new lead, the Lebanon Valley "ninjas" will be brought to justice. Help campus security end the panic caused by these incidents, and report any tips to campus security. Be on the watch for any students suspiciously discussing cheesecakes or tacos. With your help and increased vigilance, these masked men will be punished.



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# A lesson in creative nonfiction

By Greg Couturier

Lee Gutkind, founder and editor of "Creative Nonfiction" magazine, and founder of several other journals and publications bearing the same name, came to Lebanon Valley College on March 27th to speak to the students and faculty of Lebanon Valley College.

Gutkind described the creative nonfiction genre as, "Literary nonfiction. Literature of reality, a story that is absolutely, positively true." Gutkind began the evening with a discussion of some of his past history, then read an excerpt from his soon to be released memoir, "Forever Fat: Essays by the Godfather". He then closed with a brief question and answer session.

Gutkind was obviously very passionate about the promotion and importance of the genre of creative nonfiction. He basically described it as the transmission of life lessons, with a result that would be a personal, honest, entertaining, real story. He told us that there are two reasons why all writers should write. First, writers write to be understood. Second, because they want to change the world. He also told us that writers write about what needs

to be written about, even if the people in the story wouldn't want you to write about them.

For the majority of his time, Gutkind read a section from his memoir entitled, "Low Clearance". Overall, the story kept my rapt attention from the beginning until the very end. This was partially due to Gutkind's writing, but also because of how animated and personal Gutkind was in his reading of the piece. He was reading about something that had actually happened, and not only that, but about something that had happened to him in particular. I think this fact made a strong statement for the genre itself. By giving an example of creative nonfiction, and by giving a good one nonetheless, he effectively convinced the audience of the merits of the genre far better than he would have from a simple explanation. The moral theme behind the story "Low Clearance" was that the Lessons he had tried to teach his son actually turned out to teach him more about himself in the long run.

On the whole Gutkind is an expert storyteller, and his personality truly is incredibly engaging. He Continued on page 6

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# LVC to have first Cherry Blossom Festival

By Joe Candio  
Editor

A new name for a whole new event—that's the theme for the new Cherry Blossom Festival, formerly known as Spring Arts. The Fest begins next Friday April 11th with night concerts for students. The festival looks to promote multicultural education and art.

"The biggest change from Spring Arts is the increase in both the quantity and quality of cultural art during the day," said CBF treasurer, Tim Burdis. "The day and night concerts for students will still be a great time, we haven't changed that—but now they'll be even more going on in the day for students, staff and off-campus people to enjoy together. That's what we tried to create, an event to bring everyone out."

This year at the Festival students can enjoy campus favorites during the day such as, The Cover Girls, Freddie Long and Disengaged right outside of Mund College

Center both Saturday and Sunday starting at 12. At 8 o'clock Friday night, Locrian warms up the crowd before Maryland's own, Laughing Colors, a college-style punk band is set to perform. Finishing up the night at 10 is Lima Bean Riot a cover band out of Philadelphia. Saturday night, alum's Herbie come back to the school brining their own Jam-Band style to the CBF. While 3-Star, a pop-rock band will play in between setting the stage for Liquid A, back by popular demand, according to the CBF.

Saturday starting at 12-noon on the academic quad a new feature has been added, the cultural music stage. Performing this year is Siora, a Cuban band, the Colloquium's African Drum troupe, The Irish Lads, A full German band, Annimus, a medditeriann and middle-eastern band and the Highlanders, a bagpipe group. Performing on Sunday is a Brazilian band, Amora Tropical, and LVC's own Voices of Spirit, a Gospel Choir.

In the mood for dance? Saturday at Leedy

theatre free belly dance lessons are available, a Native American performer will be on hand and tango lessons in the Underground thanks to Dr. Igalesias.

Also, there is a huge increase of craft vendors this year, more diverse food options and some of the old campus favorites. A traditional Japanese Tea ceremony will be on Sheridan and PHILO will still have cheese steaks. Need to bring the kids? Send them off to children's weekend where they can enjoy Zoo-America, the Pop-corn Hat players, arts and crafts and Dragon Tales.

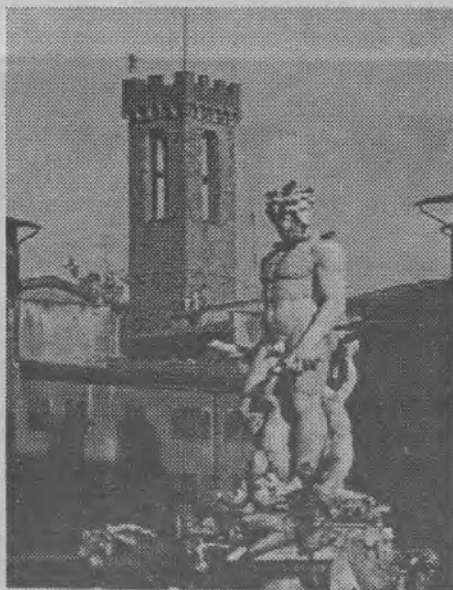
With an improved list of events this year, The Cherry Blossom's first festival looks to create a tough act to follow next year.

"We have so many people and groups to thank for helping us with this," Burdis concluded, "Student Services, Student Government, President Pollack- everybody has really been proactive and helpful. This Festival will represent a lot of the good things they all put in behind the scenes."

## Gutkin visits campus

Continued from page 5 has a gift with words, but made it quite clear that it takes a lot of effort to produce the right effect in any given piece. He told the audience that ten or twelve pages can take him years to write. This was due to the fact that it often takes him a very long time to decide exactly how he feels about an event before he writes about it. He told us that he wakes up at 4:30 each morning to write, and usually writes for upwards of eight hours a day. This dedication to his art, I felt, above the humor and everything else, was the most impressive thing about his presentation.

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Well welcome to another issue of La Vie. You may have noticed that throughout this issue, there have been several "fantasy articles." These articles are nothing more than good clean April Fool's fun. They are made up. Fic-tion-al, fictional. These articles are for laughs just like the concept of LVC students honking horns when we drive by.

The April Fool's articles throughout the paper are as follows:

**LVC student arrested for ordinance violations**

**Pets welcome at LVC campus**

**Ducks given dorm room in Keister**

**New addition to Annville noise ordinance**

**Four masked ninjas suspected of vandalism, theft spree at LVC**

Besides our comical April Fool's articles, we do have our straight serious news articles. Well the war has been the talk of the town lately, of course besides my noise ordinance violation. I'm not about to give my view on the war, but I will say that everyone in their right mind has the freedom to express their opinion. Whether or not we agree with what others think, we still must respect their opinion, that is what makes this country great.

So, how about them Yankees. That stinks that Jeter may be lost for half the year. And for all you Phillies fans, don't worry they'll still choke.

## LVC student band starts to make a name for itself

By Joe Candio  
Editor

All of us at some point in our childhood had that dream of being in a rock band, or becoming that huge musical artist. It took a while for most of us to realize that our days of striking up the imaginary band with our guitar, composed of a shoe box with a hole cut in it, and rubber bands for strings, jumping around our rooms singing to the blasting sound of Def Leppard's "Pour Some Sugar On Me," were nothing but dreams. Maybe that was just me, and this was just last week none-the-less. Unfortunately, those of us who were never gifted in the field of music had to come to terms with reality.

For five young talented musicians, their dreams of being those famed rock stars are becoming more realistic. The band Locrian first appeared on the scene in the Fall Semester of 2001. Locrian, which name comes from a music mode/scale, consists of four LVC students who are music majors, Derek Euston, guitar, Bryan Everingham, guitar, Dan Newell, drums, and Josh Rodgers, vocals. Ryan Bankert, bass, is currently out of school and resides in Lancaster.

The four met through classes and coincidentally all had the idea of forming a band together. Rodgers knew Bankert from high school, so he was added to the group. "Since we all had classes together, we knew what each was capable of doing. We saw first-

hand, Josh's incredible vocal range and everyone else's talents," said Euston. Unlike most bands, Locrian is unable to practice as much as they would like. Sometimes they struggle to meet once a week. "With classes, jobs, and other activities, it's extremely difficult to find time when we can all meet and practice," added Euston.

The band currently performs in Harrisburg, Philadelphia, Allentown, and Lancaster. Their goal is to play within an hour of the campus so that the students can make their shows. They eventually plan to branch out and start playing more gigs further away. Their concerts are usually at area bars and clubs where Locrian performs for about one to two hours. "We always play our songs, which are all original," said Euston. He did add however, that sometimes when they have to perform at longer shows they may dab in playing some cover songs, but changing the rendition of it altogether.

Locrian currently has released one CD with seven tracks, entitled Memory. They are currently working on a new CD that will hopefully be finished and sold to students by the end of the semester. Right now, Locrian has a gig Thurs. April 4 at the Appalachian Brewing Co. in Harrisburg at 9 p.m. Don't worry if you can't make that show. The band will be performing during LVC's Cherry Blossom Festival on Friday April 11 at 8 p.m. on the main stage.

## The Crucible comes to LVC

By Becca Grudzina

Wig and Buckle Society at Lebanon Valley College is pleased to bring Arthur Miller's classic play, *The Crucible*, to the Leedy Theater stage. Written during the McCarthyism crisis in the 1950s, *The Crucible* is a drama about the Salem Witch Trials of 17th century Massachusetts. The play focuses on the puritan town as it is ravaged by accusations of witchcraft. When a group of girls are caught dancing in the woods at night, they try to escape punishment by claiming they saw the devil and could name the names of several townsfolk that were in alliance with him. Immediately a court of city judges and ministers is called for, and a massive witch-hunt ensues. In only a few months dozens of people are convicted, their pride stolen from them, and are sentenced to hang. The play perfectly reflects the senseless terror and devastating effects of the McCarthy era.

Show dates are Thursday, April 24 at 7pm; Friday, April 25 at 8pm; Saturday April 26 at 2 and 8pm; and Sunday, April 27 at 2pm. Adult tickets are \$10, non-LVC Students and Senior Citizens are \$5, and LVC students are free. Come out and support LVC's drama program!

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James Glasbrenner "Reverend Hale"

Colby Hilker "Governor Danforth"

Scott Payonk "John Proctor"

## Dr. Robert Hamilton: the man behind the scenes at LVC

By Jenny Larson

Nestled between shelves packed with binders and rolls of building and landscaping plans, Dr. Robert Hamilton, vice president for administration and finance sits taking phone calls from attorneys and poring over documents.

Hamilton is involved in some way in almost every aspect of Lebanon Valley College. Some of his responsibilities include supervising construction, facilities services, safety and security, the bookstore, food services, and athletics, working with the college's attorneys, handling LVC's insurance programs, and managing the endowment funds. "I do a lot of the things that involve just making the college operate," says Hamilton, whose favorite part of his work is his involvement in building projects. "I enjoy working to help plan them, design

them, and then see that they get built. There is a lot of satisfaction in that," he says.

A big shiny wooden black swan roosting on the file cabinet behind his desk represents one of Hamilton's biggest claims to fame at LVC - the creature that carries his namesake. The original nesting pair of black swans, bought to bring wildlife to the campus's water features, were named Bob and Judy after Hamilton and his wife Judith. "It was a nice gesture from the president and we appreciated it," says Hamilton.

He came to LVC in 1986 after 15 years at Messiah College. Hamilton enjoyed his work at Messiah, but was losing interest in his job because he had been around the campus for so long. Prior to working at the college he was a student at Messiah, graduating in 1962 with a bachelor's degree in history. He also holds a master's degree in edu- Continued on page 8



# An e-mail from Perugia, Italy

By Matt Ceresini

Hello to everyone! I know it's been awhile. I'm sorry about that. How are you all? Things are going well in Italy. I am just finishing up a nice, relaxing week of spring break and feel very refreshed. Mid-terms were the week before spring break and fairly difficult. We'll see about my grades next week (gulp).

With the beginning of the war things have not really changed much in Perugia. I am more cautious of my surroundings, but there seems to be no real threat (that wasn't there before) to me or anyone from my school. There are random protests around town, but nothing large or violent. Perugia is actually considered one of the most peaceful cities in Europe. I still play basketball with many Italians almost everyday and they don't treat me any differently than anyone else there despite the fact that they all know I am an American. I do worry about all of you and hope that you are okay and pray for you.

Since I last wrote to you (certainly awhile ago) I have done a lot of traveling. I have been to Venice and Tuscany. Venice is a city

(I'm sure you all guessed that one). It was very nice and I had a good time. Tuscany is a "state" in Italy and we stayed at a farmhouse in the country side. It was AMAZING! The most beautiful place I have ever been to. I can't even describe it, other than to say that you should look at the pictures up on the website and then multiply that by 10. Plus I got to go horseback riding through the countryside, which was actually really fun.

I have found that my spiritual life has really become strong since I have arrived in Italy. I see God in so many things and my faith and trust in God's will has really increased.

I thank all of you who have been praying for my safety and the time I spend here. It is truly a wonderful experience. I pray that you are all safe and well. God bless. I can't believe I will be home in 5 weeks! Crazy!

*Matt is currently studying abroad at the Umbra Institute in Perugia, Italy. If you would like more information on LVC's Italy study abroad program, please contact Jill Russell, Study Abroad Advisor, via phone 867.6076 or e-mail russel@lvc.edu.*

## Up close and personal with Dr. Robert Hamilton, vice president for administration and finance

Continued on from 7 cation from Shippensburg University and a doctorate in education administration from Pennsylvania State University.

Hamilton says that his job at Messiah was very similar to his position here, but that he finds the more diverse campus at LVC more interesting. "There, students tend to be more homogeneous in type than at Lebanon Valley. I find it more stimulating here because I think you tend to see a wider range of attitudes and opinions among students."

Since coming to Lebanon Valley, Hamilton says his most memorable experience was the men's national basketball championship in 1994. He remembers going up with his wife and daughter, and busloads of people from the campus to watch the Final Four up in Buffalo, NY, and how exciting the two games they played there were: "It was just unbelievable. I just couldn't stay seated. It was just such an emotional high. It was an unbelievable achievement for a bunch of guys who really really worked hard and really really wanted it."

Hamilton lives with his wife in Grantham, PA, about seven miles south of Camp Hill in a small development of houses out away from everything. "It's not a highly developed area and all and I like it that way. The deer feed in my back yard, but of course they eat my trees too," he laughs. His wife, Judith, who Hamilton met while both were attending college at Messiah, works as the assistant bookstore manager at Messiah, but plans to retire next year.

The Hamilton's have two daughters. Jill, 33, graduated from LVC in 1992, and is currently working as a first grade teacher near Ephrata, PA. She lives in Clay, PA with her husband, son, soon to be three, and daughter, born just this last Christmas Eve. Lindy, 31, graduated from Albright College in

1994, and manages a Curves for Women fitness center in Elizabethtown.

He's very involved in his work, but two of Hamilton's favorite hobbies aside from LVC are collecting O-gauge model trains, and reading. O-gauge trains are created in O-scale, meaning one foot on the model equals 48 feet on the real thing.

Hamilton likes his models as detailed as possible. He considers himself a model train buff and finds, "the whole history of railroads very fascinating." His love of history carries over into his reading preferences as well, his favorite writer being Steven Ambrose, author of *Undaunted Courage*, a story about the journey of Lewis and Clark. Hamilton loves the detail of Ambrose's writing: "You not only get a sense of the place, he does a good job of getting you to understand the characters. He's able to describe them to you so that you really understand them as people."

Hamilton also loves to travel. He's been all over, from Central America to Europe. A trip he took around Scotland has been his most enjoyable so far, and gave him a sense of connection to his heritage and the history of the Hamilton clan. "It was just a very interesting trip to go back and see the place and cultural environment in which my ancestors existed," remembers Hamilton. "I don't know what it is, but you go back and you feel like, 'Yes, I belong in this place.'"

His one regret is that, "I didn't travel enough in my educational career and early life." He urges students to travel if they can: "I really encourage college students who have that opportunity now to get to another country and learn something about another culture. That's just really a great experience."

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# A Plea to Patriots

By Duane Hower

A perilous moment in time has been reached. The grand impact of the decisions being made will echo through the halls of history, perhaps more than at any time since the American Revolution. The United States was made to be a just nation; for those who were oppressed, a strong nation; forged in the white-hot fire of liberation, a nation founded on the principles of truth, justice, and equality. Our flag proudly displays these colors: blue for justice, red for valor, and white for innocence. This standard has been proudly displayed through our great history in times of peace, and of war. Now, as we stand at a crossroads in time, the colors of that flag have faded.

A great danger threatens the sanctity of our nation, but it does not come from the east. Within our borders, a threat to the global admiration held for our country lurks. One man does not pose this threat, or even a group of men, but rather an idea. The belief that our tenets and machinations are more important than those of other countries poses a far greater risk to America than any rogue nation. With complete disregard for the reservations held by our allies, America's

war drum continues its manic beat. "With us, or against us," the American policy on terrorism, teems with unwarranted arrogance and implies invincibility. Our nation was founded on a principle of equality, but our recent attitude toward foreign policy evokes images of Orwell's pigs. Our nation is strong, but it is not "more equal" than the United Nations.

War is an unavoidable part of international affairs, but it should come as a last resort. The world agrees that changes must be made in the Middle East, as evidenced by the unanimous vote on Proposition 1441, but these changes should come willingly and through diplomacy. Millions of Iraqi citizens have already died from the strict economic sanctions in place, and countless more die every day. Loss of civilian life has not changed this government and it will not now. The issue can only be resolved on a global stage with aid from the United Nations.

As our bombs continue to fall on the cradle of civilization, time must be taken to ponder which path the founders of our great nation would choose, the trail to hypocrisy or the road to true equality. How many more tears must be spilled and lives must be lost before America realizes equality and freedom are applicable on a global stage?

# LVC Public Safety Announces Plans for New Office Building

By Cassandra Hoadley  
News Editor

As spring arrives, Public Safety announces that it will break ground this month for the latest addition to the LVC campus, a Public Safety Office Building. It seems all those parking tickets finally added up to a large enough sum. Isn't it great to know our money is at last being put to good use?

The new office, which will be located on the north side of campus, across from the freshman parking lot, will be a three-story building with a second- and third-floor terrace and ground-floor deck. Yes, not your average office building. Inside will be personal office suites for all Public Safety Officers. An indoor pool, a snack bar, and a game room will all provide entertainment for employees. There will be a two-car garage attached for the vehicles. Of course there will also be a private parking lot for

employee vehicles. The fine for parking in that lot is yet to be determined.

When asked, Public Safety would not reveal the cost of the new office building, nor would Administration. However, we estimate it to be worth approximately five to 10 years worth of tickets.

Some students are asking if the construction will cause ticket prices to rise. One officer who wants to remain anonymous commented, "What do you think? Construction costs are always higher than expected. My guess is tickets will be over \$50 by the end of the semester."

My advice: just start riding a bicycle, but remember to park only in the designated bike racks on campus. Who knows what a bike fine may be.

We surely all look forward to touring the new office building in the fall. I wonder if they will add on holding cells for students who can't afford to pay their ticket fines.

## Pets are now allowed on LVC campus starting in the Fall

Continued from page 1 small represented. He also hopes that these dogs will be able to get along and play peacefully thereby teaching the students of LVC a valuable lesson.

Annville residents are up in arms about the decision and believe that any more tenants even dogs will cause the downfall of their community. One Annville resident who wishes to remain anonymous commented, "First, they let these riff raff kids come in here and ruin our town. Now they are going to let their pets come here too. I think I may just have to move out of here to a decent neighborhood. Next they'll let them play

their phonographs at obnoxiously loud decibels."

However, students are very happy with the decision. Tim Burdis, a reporter for *La Vie*, is planning on bringing his Chihuahua, Max, with him to school next year. He said, "I always get so sad when I have to leave Max at home and come to school. I'm glad that he'll be able to come with me next year."

The students, faculty, and staff of Lebanon Valley College believe this decision will benefit everyone and make for a less stressful learning environment. Presently, the administration is not concerned with the Annville residents' grievances over the decision.

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## Coach of the Year Rhoades leads RMC to Sweet 16

By Tyrone Broxton  
Sports Editor

Fourth year Randolph-Macon College head men's basketball coach Mike Rhoades '95 was named the Old Dominion Athletic Conference Coach of the Year for the third straight season by his peers. His overall career record now stands at 81-30 (.730).

The former Lebanon Valley College star led the Yellow Jackets to a 28-2 overall record, a 17-1 conference mark, and a No. 2 national ranking in NCAA Division III according to the D3hoops.com website poll for the majority of the season. Heading into this year's ODAC tournament, Randolph-Macon entered as the number-one seed, looking to avenge its loss to Hampden-Sydney in the finals of last season and did so in nail-biting fashion, as a series of shots were missed before the game-winning tip-in was made by Reading's Jarred Mills with 2.7 seconds remaining, to give RMC a 48-47 triumph.

The Jackets, after receiving a bye, went on to defeat Alvernia College in overtime, 72-69, in the second round of the NCAA tournament, before losing to Wisconsin-Oshkosh, 53-47, in the "Sweet 16." It was the second consecutive "Sweet 16" loss for Rhoades and his rejuvenated program that

went from 13-12 in his first season as coach (1999-2000) to a national power.

From 1996 to 1999 Rhoades served as an assistant coach at Randolph-Macon, and took over the reigns of the program from the legendary Hal Nunnally following the 1998-99 season. During his time as an assistant with the Yellow Jackets, Rhoades helped the team to a three-year overall record of 57-25 (.695) and a conference record of 40-14 (.741). Randolph-Macon earned a share of the ODAC regular-season championship in 1997-98, and made two straight appearances in the ODAC Tournament championship game and the NCAA Division III tournament, in 1998 and 1999.

A native of Pennsylvania, Rhoades is a 1995 graduate of Lebanon Valley College, where he was a Lynch Gymnasium legend. During his time as a Dutchman, he won just about every accolade possible. Rhoades helped Valley to league titles, conference championships, and the NCAA Division III title in 1994. Individually, he was named a four-time conference all-star, two-time Middle Atlantic Region Player of the Year, Rookie of the Year, MVP of the 1994 National Championship, first-team All-American, and National Player of the Year.

At the time of his graduation, Rhoades was Lebanon Valley's all-time leading

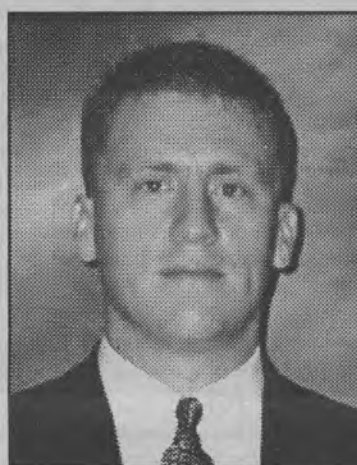


Photos courtesy of RMC Sports Information

Randolph-Macon College (Va.) celebrates with their championship trophy after defeating Hampden-Sydney College 48-47 on Feb. 24.

scorer (2,050 career points), and is still the school's career assists leader (668). He is also the record-holder for three-point field goals made in a career (236), and season (84). He also held the LVC record in three pointers in a game before J.D. Byers broke it on Feb. 22 with his amazing 41-point performance in which he knocked down nine trifectas.

Rhoades started in every single game (116) that the Dutchmen played during his tenure, leading his team to a four-year record of 86-30. His number-five jersey was retired at the end of his senior year and can be seen in Lynch Hall.



The man who led LVC to its lone national championship as a player is inches from accomplishing the feat as a coach.

## Track competes at SU Invite; Gibson qualifies for Nationals

Courtesy of Sports Information

SELINGROVE, Pa. – Sophomore Crystal Gibson (pictured) provisionally qualified for the NCAA Division III Championships in the high jump, leading the Lebanon Valley College track & field teams at the Susquehanna Invitational Saturday at Lopardo Stadium.

Gibson, a 2002 high jump All-American, won the event with a leap of 5-4 3/4 to meet the NCAA Division III provisional standard of 1.64 meters.

Gibson also placed third in the 200-meter dash in 27.98 seconds.

Sophomore Jamie Greenfield, senior Stacey Adair and freshman LaToya Stewart also broke into the top six for the women's team. Greenfield won the javelin with a toss of 120-3 while Adair took fourth in the 400-meter dash in 1:02.02. Stewart placed sixth in the triple jump with a 33-5 effort.

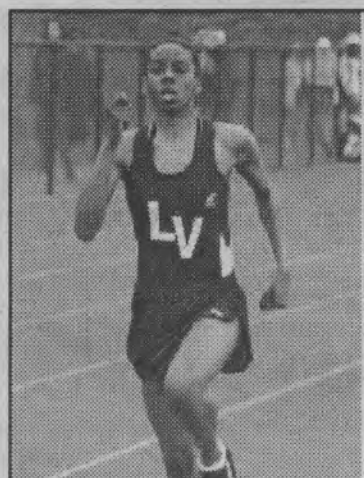
Sophomores Jordan Newell and Matt Hauk paced the men's team. Newell won the both the 110-meter hurdles (15.65 seconds) and high jump (6-2) while Hauk came away victorious in the 400-meter hurdles

in 56.19 seconds.

Hauk also placed fourth in the 110-meter hurdles (16.30 seconds), as did senior Jason Brandle in the hammer throw (111-7).

Placing sixth for the men's team were sophomore Doyne Sumner (100-meter dash, 11.72 seconds), junior Ben Mellish (200-meter dash, 23.09 seconds) and freshman Jimmy Buckson (pole vault, 13-0).

Both teams return home on Saturday for the LVC Invitational.



## Stevenson and McQuillis' big bats lead Valley to split with Dickinson

Courtesy of Sports Information

ANNVILLE, Pa. – Under the direction of fifth-year head coach Stacey Hollinger, the 2003 Lebanon Valley College softball team is looking to improve on its 17-19 season from last year and return to the MAC Commonwealth Conference playoffs.

The squad is off to a 3-4 start, with the majority of their scheduled games being cancelled due to the impending weather.

On Mar. 27 after dropping a 6-1 decision in the opener, Lebanon Valley bounced back with a 9-6 victory in the nightcap to come away with a split at Dickinson College in non-conference softball action at Dickinson Park.

Freshman Lisa Peiffer fired a four-hit complete victory for Dickinson (4-10) in game one while sophomore Melissa Ulrich (0-2) suffered the loss for LVC (3-4) after giving up 10 hits over five and two-third innings.

In the nightcap junior Jess Cooney (3-1) scattered nine hits over seven innings in her second straight complete-game victory.

Senior third baseman Amanda Stevenson (pictured), junior outfielder Kendra McQuillis and Ulrich supported Cooney with 3-for-4 efforts at the plate as LVC piled up a season-high 14 hits in the game. The Flying Dutchmen's nine runs also marked a season best.

LVC plays its home and Commonwealth opener on Saturday when the Dutchmen host Juniata College in a doubleheader at 1 p.m. at the LVC



## Conference Standings

## Baseball (as of 4-1-03)

Leb. Val	9-2, 5-0	.818
Messiah	10-4, 4-1	.714
Moravian	8-6, 6-2	.571
E-Town	9-4, 3-2	.692
Juniata	8-9, 3-4	.471
Widener	4-12, 1-3	.265
Albright	5-7, 0-4	.417
Susq. U.	3-9, 0-6	.250

## Softball (as of 4-1-03)

E-Town	10-4, 2-0	.714
Widener	10-7, 2-1	.588
Susq. U.	3-4, 1-1	.438
Juniata	8-1, 0-0	.889
Moravian	14-4, 0-0	.778
Messiah	12-5, 0-2	.706
Leb. Val	3-4, 0-0	.429
Albright	0-1, 0-1	.000

## Tennis (as of 4-1-03)

Moravian	5-2, 3-0	.714
Albright	2-0, 2-0	.100
Leb. Val	4-3, 1-0	.571
Juniata	2-3, 1-2	.400
E-Town	5-2, 0-0	.714
Susq. U.	0-2, 0-1	.000
Widener	3-4, 0-2	.429
Messiah	0-3, 0-2	.000



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# First Place: LVC baseball right where they left off

By Ryan Erhart  
Sports Writer

The LVC baseball team finished last season on a bitter-sweet note. In the first round of the NCAA tournament the Dutchmen ousted third ranked Methodist College before losing in the next round. This season, Valley is picking up right where they left off, catapulting to an impressive 9-2 record in the early going.

To kick off the season, the Dutchmen traveled to Homestead, Florida, over spring break to participate in six games. The team had a successful week going 4-2, including a stunning 5-4 victory over the No. 3 team in the country, The College of New Jersey, to cap off the trip. The teams venture to Florida garnered recognition back home as junior outfielder Jeff Grieger and sophomore pitcher Dennis Reilly were respectively named Commonwealth Player and Pitcher of the Week. During the trip Grieger hit an impressive .417, with a pair of walks, one stolen base and also scored five runs, including the winning run against The College of New Jersey.

On the mound, Reilly went 2-0 with a miniscule 1.29 ERA while tossing two complete games. Upon returning home, Reilly was informed that he had been selected as the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association Pitcher of the week.

"I was honored to receive the award", said Reilly adding, "The

award does not change my outlook on the season, it is my job to go out and pitch to the best of my ability."

Since returning home the Dutchmen have stayed hot going 5-0, all of which have been Commonwealth Conference victories. One of the key reasons to the team's success since returning from Florida has been its pitching. Senior Dallas Noll's 1-0 record in three games paired with his microscopic 1.40 ERA has played a major role in the Dutchmen's fast start. While his statistics vouch for his huge contributions to the team, Noll is hesitant to take any credit for himself. "Most of the credit goes to the team. I think the pitching staff in general has been excellent so far."

Offensively the Dutchmen have gotten a boost from both junior first basemen Mark Schauren and senior catcher Tim Rink. So far this season Schauren has hit .421 with a home-run and is third on the team with nine RBI. Schauren explains his early success by saying, "Confidence and aggressiveness have been my main attributes so far this season at the plate." Schauren can also thank Rink, who bats behind him in the order, for forcing pitchers to not walk him. Rink is second on the team in batting average hitting .457 and leads the team in RBI with 11. Rink's early success is impressive considering the fact that he was unable to even swing a bat all winter because of his participation on the

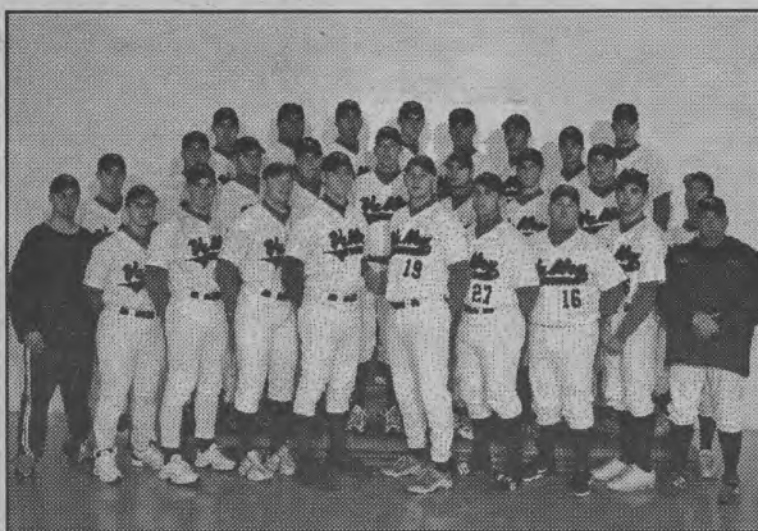


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Repeating as Commonwealth champs and a trip to the D-III College World Series is all that's on the minds of this year's club.

LVC hockey team. "I believe the key to my success early in the season is through both mental and physical preparation before games." Rink also added, "In baseball timing is everything and I believe that hockey contributes a lot to helping me adjust to the game of baseball."

With all the success the Dutchmen have enjoyed this season there is one man whose efforts certainly cannot go unnoticed. This man of course is head coach Jim Hoar, who is entering his fourth season as LVC's skipper. "Teams I've coached have always hit well, a lot is believing in the offensive plan and being aggres-

sive early in the count," stated Hoar. When asked about the team's goals for the season Coach Hoar said, "We expect to go all the way," adding, "This year's team has a lot of chemistry, and every time they step on the field they expect to win."

Coach Hoar's expectations for this season are echoed by the players as well. "Our team goal this year is to defend our conference title first of all and then go a step further in the NCAA Championships then we did last year, which is ultimately the Division III World Series," said Schauren.

## Inside the Numbers...

(as of 4-1-02)

### Baseball

Average: (.472) Ron Weaver

Runs: (11) Mark Schauren

Hits: (18) Joe Zielke

Homers: (1) Three tied

RBI: (11) Tim Rink

Assists: (26) S. Montgomery

Wins: (3) Dennis Reilly

K's: (17) Dallas Noll

Saves: (1) Two Tied

### Softball

Average: (.400) Kristen Crouse

Runs: (2) Four Tied

Hits: (8) Kendra McQuillis

Walks: (2) Two tied

RBI: (3) Kendra McQuillis

Assists: (19) Casey McCool

Wins: (3) Jess Cooney

K's: (5) Jess Cooney

### Men's Singles

#### Tennis

Christopher Hileman 4-2

Ryan Arnold 4-3

Ryan Wendell 4-3

Zachary Jarred 3-4

Andy Platt 1-3

Zach Cook 1-3

Brock Hoover 3-0

Chris Keeney 3-0

## Rink wants shot at World Series

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has a streak of his own, hitting in all seven straight wins, and batting .478 (11-for-23) during the stint. In LVC's home opener, Rink went for 4-for-4 with a home run, four RBIs and three runs to lead Lebanon Valley to a 14-3 Commonwealth win over Susquehanna University.

For his outstanding play, he was named the conference player of the week.

For the record, Rink is far from being an individualist. Never knowing to be selfish is one of the great qualities that he has to make him the leader that he is. Not only does he do what he can to strengthen his game, but he also gives help to fellow teammates when needed, and does all he can to improve the team.

"Knowing the chemistry of our team, I am just one piece to the puzzle and if I work hard and improve myself, the end result for the team will hopefully be a winning outcome," said Rink. "I work to improve myself to show the younger guys on the team that winning comes at a price, and that price is hard work and dedication to the team. I work hard is because I am never satisfied with my performance

on the field. There is always something I can improve on in my game, weather it is hitting, blocking balls, or running the bases, I always can improve."

Rink is a senior who dedicates himself fully to whatever he wants to accomplish. Success is a part of his attitude, and he hopes to continue that success after he graduates from college. He has aspirations to play professional baseball, and has all the attitude, and ability to do it.

"After college I would love to play professional baseball. Nothing can compare to getting paid for doing something that you love. The only thing that could hold me back is myself, and that is not going to happen."

Rink's positive character is something that distinguishes him from other athletes and leaders at the Valley. That combined with his awesome athletic prowess makes him one of the great all-around athletes LVC has to offer. Although he has nearly achieved it all, he still isn't satisfied, because he is determined to end his college career as a Division III baseball champion.

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### Do Phillies have a shot?

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Millwood - Kevin Millwood! - traded from the hated Braves for minor-league catcher Johnny Estrada in what was undoubtedly the biggest steal of the winter. And did I mention rookie of the year candidate Marlon Byrd? Yeah, he's there in the outfield, and so are Pat Burrell and Bobby Abreu, two guys who quietly put together huge seasons year after year. Suddenly, Ed Wade was my hero.

So of course, something had to go wrong. I mean, it's the Phillies, the same team whose idea of a big

trade last season was getting Jeremy Giambi. So I sat in front of the TV Monday night and watched the season opener against the hapless Florida Marlins, waiting for something to go horribly wrong. Except, everything went right. Thome went 3-for-4 with a walk. Bell went 2-for-4 and scored three runs. Millwood pitched 5-2/3 innings of scoreless ball. The Phillies won.

So technically, the Phillies were in first place, Millwood was on pace for 30 wins, and Thome was hitting .750. Phillies fans,

once ashamed to call themselves fans, could finally join their fellow hockey, basketball, and football counterparts and bask in the glory of a new season filled with enough potential to fill the 62,382 seats of the concrete tomb the Phils call home in South Philly.

So Mr. Wade, you were right. We waited for 10 years, and you delivered. I'm sorry we ever doubted you.

And I'm sorry I wanted my dad to punch you in the face. I hope you enjoyed your enchiladas.



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## Dutchmen Blurbs...

• Senior catcher **Tim Rink** of the Lebanon Valley College baseball team has earned Commonwealth Conference Player of the Week honors for his performances last week in the team's three Commonwealth victories. Rink, the 2002 Commonwealth MVP, enjoyed an outstanding week at the plate, as he hit .600 (6-for-10) with seven RBIs and one homer.

• **Darren Pugh** and **Stephanie Tighe** of the LVC men's and women's basketball teams were both named to the ECAC South Division III Second team for their respective performances.

• **Pugh** was also named to the National Basketball Coaches Association Middle Atlantic Region All-District Second Team for the second straight season.

• Sophomore **Crystal Gibson**, the defending Commonwealth Conference high-jump champion, provisionally qualified for the NCAA Division III Championships in the high jump on Saturday at the Susquehanna Invitational with a leap of 5-4  $\frac{1}{2}$  to meet the NCAA Division III provisional standard of 1.64 meters.

• Senior forward **Brian Yingling** of the ice hockey team has added another feather to his hat. The reigning ECAC Northeast Player of the Year has been named as a JOFA Second Team Division III All-American, as chosen by members of the American Hockey Coaches Association.

• Announced on Tuesday, the LVC baseball team currently ranks eighth in the Mid-Atlantic Region according to the first American Baseball Coaches Association NCAA Division III Poll of the 2003 season.

## ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Seniors **Tim Rink** and **Amanda Stevenson** and sophomore **Crystal Gibson** have earned this week's *Sports Editor Athletes of the Week Awards* for their recent performances.

**Rink**, named Commonwealth Player of the Week, was 6-of-10 with seven RBI and one home-run in LVC's three victories last week.

**Gibson**, the defending Commonwealth high-jump champion, has already qualified for Nationals with her first-place 5-4  $\frac{1}{4}$  leap at the Susquehanna Invitational on Saturday.

**Stevenson** led the softball team to a 9-2 win in the second game of a double-header against Dickinson as she batted 3-for-4 with one RBI and two runs scored.

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## Rink ranks among most successful athletes in LVC history

By Brian Andrews  
Sports Writer

It takes much dedication and determination to be a successful collegiate athlete playing two sports. Not many know what it is like to do this, or to even have success in both sports. However, if a person were to look at senior Tim Rink's career, it makes playing two sports seem simple. Rink is currently one of LVC's most talented athletes who earned the respect of many because of his intense work ethic, and ability to fully dedicate himself to both the ice hockey and baseball teams.

So far Rink has already tasted success in his senior year. He competed with this year's hockey squad that compiled a 20-6-1 record, and went all the way to the ECAC Northeast conference finals for the third year in a row. Rink finished this season as the team's second-leading scorer with

36 points on nine goals and 27 assists, and with 1.38 points per game, he lead the nation in defenseman scoring. In conference games, Rink notched five goals and 18 assists, which lead him to be named to the First Team All-Star for the second year in a row. Rink finished his college hockey career with 20 goals and 79 assists for 99 points.

"When I think of this year's hockey team, the first thing that I do is laugh because of the great group of guys that we had on the squad. My expectations were exceeded for this year's team and the group of guys that came in really

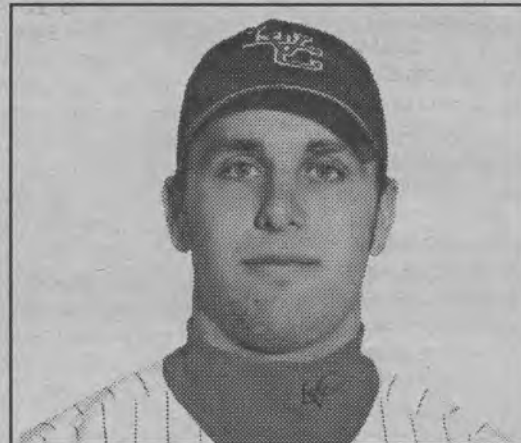


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In his four year career Rink has been a member of five conference championship appearances, three regular season championships, two NCAA berths, and ECAC Northeast championship and MAC championship.

impressed me with their ability not just to play hockey, but also to be team players and to fulfill their roles on the team. In my four years at LVC, this team was the most talented and surprised me greatly. I would like to thank the hockey team for an unforgettable sea-

son." Rink hopes to add onto that success as he and the LVC baseball squad look to win the Division III World Series. Last year, the team had a stellar season by winning the MAC championship and making a respectful run in the NCAA Regionals. Rink was selected as the conference MVP from his catcher position. He finished the season leading the team with a .401 batting average, nine home runs, 16 doubles and a .730 slugging percentage. However, Rink feels that he is far from reaching the goals that he set for himself since arriving at the Valley.

"When I first arrived a

LVC, I just wanted an opportunity to prove myself as a baseball player. I started out as a pitcher, then moved on to left field, and finally I got an opportunity to catch. Now, in my senior year, my personal goal is to hit 450, and be a leader for the Dutchmen behind the plate. However, I do not value individual goals as highly as I do team goals, so my goal for not only myself, but also for the team to win the D-III World Series. And obviously we have not met these goals, but we are well on our way. We have a great group of guys that will do anything for each other and for the better of the team. Our expectations don't end in Regionals, they are bigger and better this year."

This year, the baseball squad (projected to finish first in pre-season polls), is off to a great start, compiling a 9-2 overall record, and on a seven game win-streak. Rink

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## Does Philly have a legitimate chance to win pennant?



Photo courtesy of College Relations

**Thome batted 3-for-4 on Monday in the Philadelphia Phillies debut, an 8-5 win over Florida.**

By Timothy Flynn  
Sports Writer

One day last year, my dad came home from eating dinner at a local Mexican restaurant in South Jersey. "You'll never guess who I stood next to in line," he said excitedly. "Ed Wade!" I was unimpressed. "Did you punch him in the face?"

I asked, completely serious. My response was identical to any you would've gotten from a Phillies fan at the time, albeit with less cursing.

You see, Phillies general manager Ed Wade represented everything that was wrong with the Phillies at the time: wasted potential, stingy pocket-books, and ineffective upper management. He was absolutely demonized in the Philadelphia press. As red-blooded Phillies fans, we sat through season after season, hearing the management tell us "Wait until next year," and "Wait for the new ballpark."

Suddenly, we didn't have to wait anymore — out of the frigid deep freeze that was the winter of 2002, the Phillies were red-hot, opening their wallets and going on a spending spree.

Two infielders, one new staff ace, and \$111.9 million later, the Phillies were a new team. They gave first baseman Jim Thome the richest contract in club history and made him the club's biggest free agent signing since Pete Rose. Third baseman David Bell came on board from the National League champion San Francisco Giants to fill the hole left by Scott Rolen. Then there was Kevin

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## Tennis back to championship form; Golf places second at Albright

Courtesy of Sports Information

ANNVILLE, Pa. — After blanking Susquehanna University in the Commonwealth conference opener 7-0 on Mar. 22, the Lebanon Valley College men's tennis team continued to dominate the courts with a shut-out of Kings College in non-conference play last Tuesday.

The Flying Dutchmen (4-3) won their third match in a row while King's remained winless at 0-9.

LVC won all but one set in singles play and swept the three pro sets to earn the doubles point.

Senior Chris Hileman picked up a pair of victories to push his career wins total to 112, three short of the LVC school record held by Josh Shellenberger '99. Hileman won 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 at No. 1 singles and teamed up with senior Ryan Arnold for an 8-4 win at first doubles.

Arnold also won at second singles (7-5, 6-1) while sophomore Ryan Wendell, senior Brock Hoover and junior Zach Jarrett earned two wins apiece. Wendell garnered a 7-5, 6-4 win at No. 3 singles, Hoover won 6-1, 6-1 at fifth singles and Jarrett prevailed 6-2, 6-1 at the sixth singles. Wendell and Jarrett captured an 8-4 win at No. 2 doubles while Hoover

joined junior Andy Platt for an 8-0 triumph at third doubles.

Junior Chris Keeney, Lebanon Valley returns to the courts on Saturday when the Dutchmen host Widener University in a Commonwealth Conference match starting at 1 p.m.

## Golf

READING, Pa. — Sophomore Ryan Ogurcak shot a team-low 76 and the Lebanon Valley College golf team finished second out of four Middle Atlantic Conference opponents at a quad match hosted by Albright Friday afternoon at Golden Oaks Country Club.

The Flying Dutchmen finished with a team score of 398, 12 points behind Elizabethtown College. Moravian College finished third at 399 while Albright took fourth with a 432-point score.

Senior Mike Bowen-Ashwin and junior Brent Hoffman also broke into the 70s, shooting 78 and 79, respectively.

Junior Bob Hassler fired an 83 to complete LVC's team scoring. Also competing were freshman Mike McNeff (83), junior Adam Demchak (84), senior Ben Kwon and junior Jay Leader (Halifax, Pa./Halifax) (100).



## LVC says that studying abroad is safer than ever

By Joe Candio  
Editor

Now that the war with Iraq is coming to an end, talks of going to war with other countries have come about. For many students here at Lebanon Valley College, the thought of going to war affects them more than others. These students are ones who are planning on studying abroad in the fall or spring semesters. Jill Russell, study abroad advisor here at LVC, believes that going abroad in the fall or spring is as safe as going any other time.

"Overall program numbers are down by a few students from last year, more than likely due to the current world situation, but we are still happy with the number of students that have chosen to take advantage of this great opportunity," said Russell.

Next semester, LVC plans on sending students to the following programs:

London, England, Australia, Italy, France, Spain, Germany, and Washington D.C. One LVC student, who wishes to remain anonymous, said that he was a little nervous about going overseas next semester with the recent global events. However, the student did say he cannot wait to go and experience another culture.

"I'm sure anyone you ask is a little bit nervous about going, but I know it is just as safe now as ever to go," he said. "Of course, I'm more excited than anything and I can't wait to go."

LVC has no plans to suspend any of our programs abroad due to the world situation. "We believe that our students currently abroad in New Zealand and Italy are safe, and believe that our students will be safe at our program sites in the fall," said Russell.

LVC expects overall participation to be higher in 2004 in all of the program sites. Students and parents will realize

that study abroad is an important component of a liberal arts education. And despite reports that are received via television and newspapers, Americans are generally not "disliked" overseas. Students that have studied abroad, and those of who have lived abroad, have found that many foreigners may not agree with U.S. foreign policy...but they are more than happy to share a pint with an American to talk about it.

The Study Abroad Office continues to monitor world events. We receive daily information from the U.S. State Department for information regarding travel advisories worldwide, and are also in continuous contact with our host schools abroad. We advise our students currently abroad to check the State Department website, <http://travel.state.gov/acs.html>, for travel advice before traveling to another country.



Photo Courtesy of Study Abroad Office

Students still studied abroad in New Zealand during the '03 semester

## Student writes a letter of apology to the LVC community for his comments

Apologies to all,

I would like to take this opportunity to apologize for my comments at the Greek Week talent show on April 23, 2003.

The comments that I made are inexcusable, and I am upset to cause this much pain to my fellow classmates, faculty, and administration. My intention at the talent show was not meant to hurt anyone, but it was to make people laugh. I realize that I have obviously crossed the line with my words. I did not anticipate the hurt that these words were going to cause. I am ashamed and embarrassed of my actions. I disgraced myself, my fraternity, Kappa Sigma Kappa, and all Greek organizations, with my remarks. I realize I didn't represent the ideals and image that Greek life portrays to students, faculty, and administration. I would like to state that in no way does my fraternity, or any Greek organization represent the views that were expressed during my act.

My statements were totally inappropriate and I truly regret ever having said them. If I would have known students and faculty were going to be hurt in any way by my performance, I would have never said what I said. I can't stress to everyone how deeply sorry I am for my remarks. I was irresponsible by not recognizing the power of my words, despite my intent. I apologize for all my actions that caused hurt among the campus community. I know it will be difficult to accept this apology given the statements that I made in the show. I would like to convey how truly sorry I am for my actions.

Sincerely,

Jack Himmelberger

For letters from the Greek Council and President G. David Pollick on this matter, please turn to page 2.

## Faculty evaluation results in termination of LVC professor Dr. Griffin Hathaway

By Lisa Landis  
Features Editor

Every college has at least one thing in common - a faculty evaluation process. At LVC, that process this year has resulted in the termination of political science professor Dr. Griff Hathaway.

Dr. Stephen MacDonald, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty, said the termination comes as part of a regular and routine process. "The College is handling this as the policy manual says," said MacDonald. "The process is a clear one that the faculty themselves created."

For faculty on tenure track (as Hathaway was), evaluations are conduct-

ed in the second, fourth and sixth years, according to the manual. At the end of each of these two-year probationary periods, the decision is made to retain a professor for another two-year period or to terminate the professor. Tenure is awarded beginning in a professor's seventh year. If a professor is terminated at any point during the probationary period, that professor "is entitled to a one-year terminal appointment for the [following] academic year," as written in the manual.

The process typically begins with a self-evaluation in the fall semester and is followed by a department chair evaluation that is passed on to the dean.

"The recommendation from Dr. [Rebecca] McCoy [associate professor of

history and chair of history and political science] was a complete surprise," said Hathaway, "that recommendation being that my status be changed from probationary to terminal. Some of the shock was how strongly she felt about my teaching and teaching style, but the larger shock was her recommendation that I was incapable or unwilling to improve."

McCoy said that she could not comment directly. "That's part of the process too," she said, "and protects privacy." However, McCoy noted that in every evaluation she conducts as department chair, she asks for a variety of evidence, such as a curriculum vitae, Continued on page 5 assignments and

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# Letter from LVC's Greek Organizations

Dear Fellow Students of Lebanon Valley,

This letter is in regard to the Greek Week Talent Show that took place on Wednesday, April 23rd. The words and statements that were said were very disgraceful and dishonorable to many people on this campus. We are well aware of the emotional hurt and pain that this has caused the campus, and we share that same grief and disgust as everyone else. The entire Greek community would like to say that the words or statements that attack race, ethnicity, religion, and/or gender are in no way supported by any Greek organization. Each organization is distraught over the negative feelings that are felt not only by individuals in Greek organizations, but by the entire student

body, faculty, and administration. These statements have tarnished the image we intend to portray as Greeks to our fellow students. We in no way support racial, religious, or sexist remarks by any member of our organizations or the student body regardless of their intent.

As Greek Organizations, it is our goal to promote a positive social environment among not only our specific organizations, but the entire student body. We strive for social interaction for all students regardless of race, religion, or gender. While the comments made were spoken by a Greek at a Greek event, they in no way represent the ideals we constantly strive to portray. We hope that the image of Greeks as a whole will not be tarnished by the statements of just one of our own.

Regardless of our feelings towards the situation, we are still at fault for not stopping the event before any comments got out of hand. As Greeks at Lebanon Valley College, we would like to sincerely apologize for how we handled the situation that arose from the talent show. We deeply regret that emotional pain had to result from an event that was under our supervision. We ensure that future events sponsored by Greek Council or any Greek Organization will be supervised with a more serious approach to prevent such a devastating act from occurring, and causing this amount of turmoil.

We know that words cannot express how sorry we really are to all those affected by the incident. We are aware that this is not a situation we can simply dismiss, but in time, we will do everything in our power to see to it that the emotional damage will ease. Once again, we are not in support of the statements made that night or any statements regarding negativity towards others. We truly apologize.

Sincerely,  
The Greek Organizations of Lebanon Valley College

Have a safe  
and happy  
summer.  
Good Luck  
graduates.

## It's only funny when we can all laugh: A letter from LVC President G. David Pollick

It would be relatively easy for me to take the events of the recent Talent Show and put them through the grinder of academic analysis, reasserting the importance of the First Amendment while on the other hand speaking to the rights students have to a harassment free environment. And while all of this would be both appropriate and factually accurate, I believe it would miss the point; namely, that those present at the Talent Show - students, colleagues, friends - were offended and hurt.

Whatever the intention of the comic routine, and I have no doubt the intention was comedy - it was not funny. From what I have been told, most persons in the room were shocked, embarrassed for themselves and their friends and, to some degree, ashamed. They intuitively knew something was wrong, though they had seen "hard comedy" before. This felt different. "Why," we ask?

As any good comedian would tell us, comedy is as much about timing and context as it is about material. While there might be some who would argue that material that ridicules other persons, whether it's about race, religion, sex or some other characteristic, is fair game and has a long history in the world of comedy, e.g., Lenny Bruce, Don Rickles, to say nothing of the litany of comedians of the present day, material does not exist in a vacuum out of place and time. Material that might be funny to persons who trust and love one another, is not funny to persons who have been given reasons to not trust one another. Double standards, in fact, do exist. Words said among friends are not always appropriate in wider audiences. Yet, the very same words can appear in the title on the front of a book or be used as an example in the proper context. At certain moments in history, what might have been funny is at another time entirely too sensitive and should be avoided. After all, the most simple and innocent of jokes, if misplaced, can backfire horribly.

The difficulties that surrounded the performance at the Talent Show were a direct result of several factors. First, the judgement had already been made before the show began that Lebanon Valley College was not the appropriate context for this kind of material delivered in this manner. But note, this was not the judgement of the administration, but the judgement of the student organizers, who had both the responsibility and the authority to make this judgement. Collegiate adults made a considered decision that such a performance was not in the best interest of their friends and colleagues. Not one of us in this community could have

asked for anything more. The difficulty arose when the decision was not honored. Second, the material that was in the performance was of such low quality that it would have been difficult to find a context where it did not offend members of the audience. It came off as mean and hateful versus challenging and funny. Third, while many of us would like to be able to laugh at our differences, we live at a time when these differences have been used as the basis for harm against persons. Until there is genuine mutual respect and love for one another that transcends superficial differences, comedy of this kind ought to be placed on the shelf. Or in other words, it's only funny when we can all laugh together. And, as this event has shown, that time is not yet upon us.

Amidst all of this subtlety, how are we to know what to do and when to do it? At first this question might appear difficult to answer, but I don't think it is. The most simple of maxims, Greek in its origin, springs to mind, 'Let us seek to do good and avoid harm.' And while it may not be sure fire, it certainly provides sage counsel. I should ask myself, do my words heal, bring comfort, bring joy or foster wisdom? Or do they cause harm, bring sorrow, bring anxiety or spread ignorance? And certainly each of us in this community is prepared to answer these questions in a critical manner. For if nothing else were to come from a liberal education, would we not expect ourselves to be critical when addressing the most basic of human matters; namely, the search for the good life and the way it is to be lived.

The comedy routine of the Talent Show was truly a performance, but not as we might normally conceive of it. It was merely part of a larger performance work, a work we are all a part of - the Socratic dialectic between ignorance and discovery. As such, the work goes on only to be resolved by the character and quality of interaction that is currently taking place on our campus. In a strange way, this Talent Show may have served a great purpose. For if the work that we finally complete has revealed to our minds and hearts the depths of the hurt and discomfort some among us must live with each day, perhaps in the larger sense, 'art' will carry the day.

G. David Pollick  
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## Course registration for fall 2003 goes much smoother

By Cassandra Hoadley  
News Editor

If you haven't scheduled for next fall yet, you are definitely behind. Registration, held in the beginning of the month, was LVC's second try at online registering using AccessLVC. After the many glitches and difficulties of first semester, there is no doubt that many students, faculty, and staff members dreaded fall registration. However, thanks to the work of the Web Registration Taskforce, along with the Registrar's Office, and IT Services, this time registration went as planned.

After a great deal of investigating and reworking, IT Services came to the conclusion that unfortunately the way our system is setup, all students in one class cannot register at the same time. Therefore they split students up and assigned times within intervals that the system could manage. So this time, when students logged on to register, they weren't given any error screens nor did the server shutdown.

When asked about this registration, Director of Information Management Services Bob Dillane said that there were many people to thank for the success of the

process. They include: two dozen student volunteers who tested the system, members of student government for both planning and communicating with the student body, La Vie Collegienne for providing accurate and helpful information to the students, Jon Blasenak '03 who is an intern at Datatel this semester and worked on developing the test module, as well as Student Services, College Relations, the Dean's Office, the entire faculty, and of course, the student body, "for their patience and understanding as we worked through the challenges of new technology."

Though registration did go much better, some students were still not happy. They feel that it is inconvenient to have assigned times. Though it is unfortunate, since our hardware system is set up the way it is, assigned times is the only way online registration can work, at least for now, perhaps in years to come that will change.

In any case, everyone is not always please, but most agree registration was much less of a headache than last semester.

The Web Registration Task force consisted of Gary Grieve-Carlson, Claudia Gazsi, Joel Kline, Tim Dewald, Barb Vlaisavlievic, Pat Kaley, and Bob Dillane.

## Evaluation results in professor's termination at LVC

Continued from front page I t h e amount of reading on syllabi, class visitations and all student evaluations. She also examines a variety of documentation, including some tests, essays and handouts.

"Every chair has their own style," McCoy said. "This is how I've always done it for all faculty."

McCoy then shares a draft of her evaluation with the faculty member and said that she often adjusts her assessment depending on the outcome of that meeting. "It's an exchange of ideas," McCoy said of the meeting. "In the best cases it's entirely constructive. That conversation is part of the assessment too," she added.

McCoy noted that the whole evaluation process is a series of conversations. "It's not a short process," she said. "It does not allow for snap judgments."

The faculty member can amend his or her self-assessment at that point and respond in writing to the chair's evaluation.

As per the evaluation process, the department chairs' recommendations are sent to the dean of the faculty for review. At that point, Hathaway was able to challenge the recommendation presented to the dean and wrote an appeal and met with the dean. That meeting is also part of the regular evaluation process.

MacDonald said that faculty are evaluated on teaching (based on student evaluations, direct observations from the department chair and the dean and the written self-evaluation); scholarship (including the professor's productivity, research, writing or presentation of articles and conferences invited to or attended); and service to the College, including election to committees.

The dean then submits an evaluation to the president of the College by Feb. 15. The President reviews all recommendations and makes his own recommendation to the Board of Trustees by Mar. 15 each year, and contracts are tendered by April 1, according to the manual.

Despite Hathaway's explanations to students and other faculty, he realized that some people were drawing their own conclusions about the reasons behind his termination. "People will come to their own conclusions, especially when the students and some faculty cannot believe it when I tell them the reason is because of poor teaching. This [article] seemed to me to be

a way to communicate to students that it is absolutely about the teaching style."

Hathaway also noted that he did not wish to undermine the authority of people who will remain at the College by speaking about his situation.

Student reactions, said Hathaway, ranged from "shock, that turned for some to dismay, some to anger, many to tears, which hurt me deeply." Some students organized a petition, while other students and parents made phone calls and wrote letters and e-mails to the president and the dean on Hathaway's behalf. "If there was something inappropriate, I would never have allowed [those students] to ... stick their necks out over something I did for which I should have been dismissed," said Hathaway.

Hathaway said he was "deeply humbled" by the student reactions. "I do this job because I love it, and what I love is the interchange with the students. The students mean so much to me and so when students have a chance to show how much you mean to them, then that's a very warm feeling."

MacDonald said that the student reaction is "the test of a healthy community." Many students, he added, were asking, "Don't students have a voice?"

"I read all the student evaluations for all 35 faculty [evaluated this year]," MacDonald said. "I pay lots of attention to the students, even if my assessment is different from theirs." He also noted that "even if one student thinks one way, it doesn't mean that other students all think the same way."

McCoy agreed that the students have a voice in the sense that she reads all student evaluations and completes class observations. However, she also said that professionals look at the institution in a different way, and that they are more aware of standards and norms.

MacDonald said that Hathaway's situation is unusual, but not unprecedented. "It's not what you typically see," MacDonald added.

Hathaway said that he intends "to be teaching college courses to college students" next year.

Please note that Lisa Landis is a Political Science minor and was one of the students who wrote the president of the College on Dr. Hathaway's behalf.

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## LVC professors also write books in their spare time

By Annalouise Venturella  
Photography Editor

Rudolph Chamberlain, an editor for literature textbooks, once wrote that "writers have always been interested in the lives and characters of men and women." He also said most skillful writers put people they know from real life into their stories. Even though Chamberlain was talking about fiction writers, the same idea can be applied to non-fiction writers. Non-fiction authors usually write about subjects that interest them. By doing this, these writers are incorporating their real life interests into their books.

Recently, several Lebanon Valley College professors have had books and other works published. Two professors, in particular, who have written books are Dr. Jeff Robbins, who teaches religion and philosophy, and Dr. John Hinshaw, who teaches history.

In his book, "Between Faith and Thought: An Essay on the Ontotheological Condition", Robbins looks at 20th century philosophy and theology and the relationship between the two subjects. "Many philosophers and theologians define their own efforts over against one another," he said. "[The book] is an attempt to promote dialogue between the two disciplines of philosophy and theology." The reason for this is because both disciplines are interconnected.

Robbins' book also focuses on the ontotheological problem. Ontotheology is the theology of being. Philosophers and theologians consider this a problem because there is "the mixing together of two discreet discourses," he said. One discipline becomes tainted by the other and vice versa. Philosophers and theologians feel they cannot do their own work properly if there is a mixing of ideas. "[They] are trying to separate the two discourses from one another, and I'm trying to put them back together."

With an interest in contemporary religious and philosophical thought, Robbins noticed the ontotheological problem coming up more and more as he read. "It seemed to me that there were certain presumptions being made about this as a problem," he said. "This was my attempt to rewrite recent history of philosophical theology."

Robbins said that it is important for philosophers and theologians to have dialogue between one another. Otherwise religious thinking becomes almost fundamentalist when it is uncritical and does not have the reflection that philosophy can offer it. When philosophy becomes narrow-minded, it is reluctant to ask theological questions. While researching and writing the book, Robbins discovered that most of the philosophers and theologians were male. This raised a red flag for him about the possible

patriarchal bias in contemporary philosophical theology. To deal with that problem, Robbins wrote a series of interludes in between the chapters that incorporated works of French cultural theorists such as Julia Kristeva. Ontotheology is a theoretical problem, and most female philosophers and theologians focus on more concrete concerns. By adding works by Kristeva, Robbins believes those concerns are similar to the problem of ontotheology.

Since the release of this book, Robbins is now completing a second one titled, "In Search of a Non-Dogmatic Theology" which is due out over the summer. For a long time people associated theology with the Church or with other religious traditions. Now, non-religious people are starting to ask theological questions. This book will be in response to an "increasingly secular and religiously diverse world," he said. Robbins is not the only professor who's had a book published. Dr. John Hinshaw had a book published on the steel industry last year. In "Steel and Steelworkers: Race and Class Struggle in Twentieth-Century Pittsburgh," Hinshaw looks at the conflict between the steelworkers and their bosses.

"I got interested in labor history because ever since I was a Christian, I was interested in the struggle of the underdog against injustice and exploitation," he said. As a graduate student at Carnegie Mellon University, Hinshaw also wanted to know how the steel industry came to dominate western Pennsylvania and how it affected Pittsburgh. One of Hinshaw's goals was to write a book that could contribute to ongoing debates about race and class struggle around the world.

The book begins with small companies of skilled workers being taken over by larger companies who hired unskilled workers. The story also focuses economics, technology, and power, he said. "The process of deskilling the workforce, breaking the unions, and taming the political establishment also involved huge amounts of state-sponsored and boss-sponsored violence between the 1880s and the 1930s," Hinshaw said.

When the steel industry became unionized in the 1930s, the steelworkers were able to improve their lifestyles. For example, he said, workers had the money to build their own homes and send their children through college. However, from the 1950s and onward, the steel industry began to decline. One reason for this was because the industry no longer had support from the government as it had before through military spending. One of the many things Hinshaw learned from his research was the importance of the political process in making the industry owners wealthy. Continued on page 5

These were through

## Jim in Bold: Movie Documentary

By Elyse Turr

Jim Wheeler committed suicide alone in his apartment at age 19; only after his death his parents found his poetry and realized how much he had been taunted and derided for being a gay teen in a conservative community and how it had affected him.

Wheeler's suicide has now become a gathering point for issues facing gay teens, and a nationwide panel on gay teens has been named in his memory. Wheeler is also the subject of a documentary, which tells his story, juxtaposed with three teens from the online magazine Young Gay America (YGA) talking with gay teens nationwide and the issues facing them.

"Jim in Bold: Life, Death, and Being Young and Gay in America" premiered April 2 at Lebanon Valley College. This event was free to both students and the community, and received so much interest and support from the area that a second showing became necessary after the first exceeded the capacity of Leedy Theater.

"Jim in Bold" is two intertwined stories, one of coping and success, the other a tragedy. Benjie Nycum, Mike Glatze and Scott MacPhee of YGA travel from Vancouver, Canada to Lebanon, speaking to gay teens in small-town America, sharing their stories, struggles and ability of coping with being young and gay.

For some of the interviewed teens being gay is a daily struggle and is filled with hardships. One said, "I couldn't be gay in high school, not here," and another, "My friends dropped me like a hot rock." One person described it "like swimming in the ocean when you have lost sight of the land and you are afraid to swim in the wrong direction—so you just stay there and drown." This is where YGA and the Internet have become positive forces: they get the message across to people without community or peer support that "they are not alone."

Other areas had readable available support for gay teens and these interviews show happy and thriving people, who lead happy normal lives. One said, "You think the world is going to stop once you come out of

the closet but it doesn't—it gets better—so be brave." With the support and love of peers, these gay teens are not plagued with the struggles that others face.

Gay teens like Wheeler had the love and support of his family but were not accepted by peers and the community. "Jim was on a crash course," said his mother, Susan, "but sometimes a tragedy jolts people into awareness, because then things might be different."

Jim coped with his struggles through his art and poetry, and only here did he express the pain he was feeling and callous treatment he endured. In one poem, "Timeline of a Faggot," he described how one day, after gym class, he was pushed down in the shower and urinated on by a group of boys. Images were also apparent in his artwork, things he couldn't or didn't want to express. "There is something universal in the way some students treat others, whether they are gay or otherwise different," said documentary executive producer and LVC alumnus Malcolm Lazin.

Things didn't get better for Wheeler after high school. He dropped out of the University of the Arts in Philadelphia because of depression and even though he started to see a therapist, it didn't help. In 1997, Wheeler committed suicide at 19, alone in his apartment.

Lebanon has changed in these five years, however. Wheeler's mother and sister Elizabeth have started a support group for gay teens and others dealing with diversity issues.

A member of the support group commented that in high schools things have changed and those who are opposed to homosexuality just don't talk to gay teens instead of the taunting them as they did to Wheeler.

The documentary conveys the message that while things may not be perfect in gay America, they have improved, and strong resilient teens are now providing support to each other.

"Jim in Bold" will be screened again at the Kimmel Center in Philadelphia on May 2 at 9 p.m., and then will be broadcast on MTV and PBS.

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# LVC is the place for Chaplain Woomer

By Kristin Roth

Despite the gray, misty rain sprinkling outside his Chapel office window, the pleasant, bespectacled face of the Rev. Dr. D. Darrell Woomer shines as he describes his favorite aspect of the College: the students. "They're really great. They're fun, cooperative, [and] they put up with an old guy," he says with a smile.

Amidst a setting of tall, dark shelves packed with an endless array of hardback and paperback books, the Chaplain of LVC relaxes as he sits cross-legged in one of the two cushioned chairs that sit in front of his large desk. In between the two chairs is a small coffee table heaped with Christian journals and a bowl full of Mr. Goodbars. Under his feet is a small Oriental rug with an obnoxious kink that he unsuccessfully tries to fix more than once.

Woomer, who's known as "Chappie" to many of the students, began working at LVC over 10 years ago in July 1992. He holds a doctorate in spirituality from Duquesne University. After serving churches as a minister for 25 years, he wanted to shift his parish ministry to a college setting.

"I really enjoy ministry," he says. The specific part of ministry he really enjoys is the part in which he spends time with people, encouraging them and counseling them. "In the local church, you don't get much time to do that," he explains. The reason for this, he

says, is the fact that ministers are basically "administrators," who are kept very busy attending meetings, raising money to support their churches, maintaining the actual church buildings, and preaching sermons every week. Without these responsibilities on his hands, he's able to really focus on the part of ministry that he loves the most.

Woomer considers himself to be a reserved person, yet at the same time, he describes himself as being very "people-oriented." "I really enjoy working with the students. [They] have been great. I've not had a bad year," he explains with a grin. He also describes himself as being "reverent," in the sense that he is "a person who has great respect for all beings, all creatures." He makes it a point to look for the good in everyone and everything. Woomer has a passion for music, and in addition to being the chaplain at LVC, he's also the organist and choir director at All Saints' Episcopal Church in Hershey. He's played the organ since high school, but he's played the piano even longer, beginning to take piano lessons during his early years in elementary school.

He doesn't have a favorite song, but he will definitely let you know the general category of music that he doesn't like. "I can't stand country-western!" he says with a broad grin. However, he adores jazz, and talks fondly about a jazz group, the Dave Brubeck Quartet, and a jazz singer, Ella Fitzgerald.

He also has a passion for reading. Besides the Bible, Woomer has a hard time picking a favorite book. "Look around," he says as he gestures with a sweep of his hand to the enormous collection of books he has on the shelves in his office. "It's pretty hard to pick a favorite," he chuckles. "I go through stages," he explains, describing how he'll get into one author and read a lot of his or her things, then move on to another.

Believe it or not, he went through a Stephen King phase. "[I] read everything that he wrote." He also went through a Flannery O'Connor phase. "I love her short stories," he says.

Woomer was born in Troy, Ohio, and less than a year later, moved to Portage, Pennsylvania, where he grew up. Portage, he explains, is a very small town near Johnstown. It's "smaller than Lebanon, [but] not as small as Annville," he states. He is the middle child in a family of three boys. One of Woomer's brothers is four years older than he is, and the other is 12 years younger than he is. "That was like a separate family," he describes, talking about the age difference. "We didn't run around together."

Woomer grew up as the son of a United Brethren minister, which contributed to his life-long goal of being a minister. "I grew up with it and just figured that's what I wanted to do," he says. He never really questioned it. However, growing up as a minis-

ter's son wasn't the easiest thing, he says. "[It] was rather difficult being in a small town, because everybody knew who you were. So you couldn't get in trouble. I mean, all your friends could go out and get in trouble, but you couldn't," he says with a grin.

Woomer was a Boy Scout, he got good grades, and was basically an average American boy—except when it came to sports. "I was not into sports," he says. He was "sort of a geek," he explains, and describes how he was more into music and the arts.

Today, however, he's a little more into sports considering he's a half-hearted fan of the Pittsburgh Steelers. He sort of "goes along" with his family's enthusiasm about the team. "They're into it much more than I am," he explains. "[Like] this year when it's not going too well, I try to stay out of the house. I mean, they really get into it," he says, laughing. Woomer and his wife Audrey have two children: Laura, 16, and David, 31.

Overall, Woomer describes his experience at LVC as being "very positive." One of his favorite things is the fact that students send him notes after they graduate. "Just out of the clear, blue sky you'll get a note from a student just saying, you know, how much they enjoyed the religious activities and what impact it's had on their life. That makes it all worth it."

## Books written by LVC professors

Continued from page 4 military contracts that span from the 1880s to Vietnam. "I was not aware of the heroic efforts it took in the political process to organize the industry," he said. "[W]orkers in PA developed something called 'labor's non-partisan league' which operated through the Democratic Party from 1936 until it was basically outlawed by the Republicans in 1940 or so."

Although, Hinshaw spent most of time doing his research through books, documents, and other text-based sources, he was

also able to interview steelworkers. Hinshaw found one steelworker named John Hughey the most interesting and the most helpful in the research. "[Hughey] had been educated by his years of being a trade union official. He also had the most 'global' sense of where steel fit into the work."

Rudolph Chamberlain was right when he said that writers use their own life experiences in their books. Even non-fiction authors choose their own interests when writing books. Sometimes these interests are based on life experiences.

## A final thought from the editors

For three years we have fought diligently to revive and shape *La Vie* into what it has become today. While we leave *La Vie* not as the perfect paper we had hoped it would become during our tenure, we do leave it moving in the right direction.

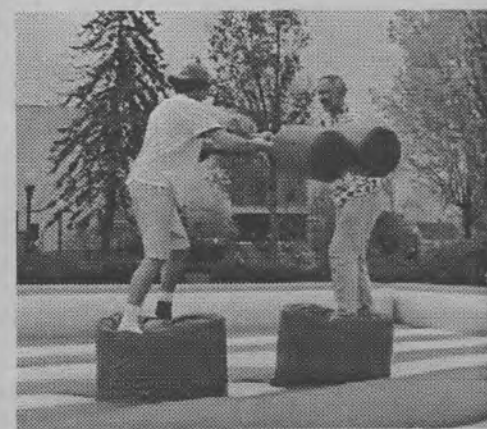
So as we leave the staff of *La Vie*, our accomplishments, and ultimately LVC behind we can assure you that we are leaving your student newspaper in good hands...

A final thought we would like to leave our community with is this: be proud of the accomplishments and the relationships you have (in the case of seniors) formed here and

will (in the case of underclassmen) form while here. For they may last you a lifetime. Take a moment to reflect on the events in your life. Be aware of others around you, and help out those whenever possible. Be one of those great persons, who takes an active role in your community, your academics, and your life. Goodbye LVC and good luck.

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## Images from Dutchman Day '03



Students and faculty participate in various Dutchmen Day activities including the velcro wall, the joust, and waterballon toss. The day marked the second time Dutchman Day was held at LVC.





## Lebanon Valley an incubator of professional talent

By Ryan Erhart  
Sports Writer

If you've followed LVC sports over the past few years, you may have noticed an increasing number of student-athletes continuing their careers as professionals. While this is a common place occurrence in most Division-1 programs, having athletes from a small Division-3 school advance to the pro ranks is quite an impressive feat. In the last four years alone, four Valley athletes have joined the professional ranks.

In 1999 basketball standout Andy Panko got the trend started by joining the Los Angeles Lakers summer league team, and since then has played for both the Chicago Bulls and Milwaukee Bucks summer league squads of the National Basketball Association's Developmental League. He signed a one week contract with the Atlanta Hawks and played in three games during the 2000-2001 campaign. This past season, Panko enjoyed his most successful professional year as a member of the Dakota Wizards in the Continental Basketball Association, where he averaged 22.8 points per a game and was named league Most Valuable Player. As next year's NBA tryouts approach Panko will certainly look to build on this great season and solidify himself on an NBA roster.

2002 saw three ice hockey players made the jump from LVC to the pros. Forwards Greg Kutchma and Jamie Taylor as well as goaltender Kevin Block have all managed to turn their love of hockey into a full-time career. Kutchma played most of the 2002-2003 season with the Flint Generals of the United Hockey League. While play-

ing in Flint, Kutchma registered two goals and no assists in 39 games. While this is not the offensive output Kutchma expected, he now has a better idea of what it takes to play at the professional level, which will help him in seasons to come.

Taylor turn pro competed overseas in Germany this year for the Weiss-Wasser ice hockey club in the German professional league. Likewise to former teammate Kutchma, he did not muster a substantial offensive output, recording just six points all via assists in 20 games of play.

Block, the final '02 LVC graduate to lace 'em up in the pro's this past season competed for the El-Paso Buzzards. Upon his arrival in El-Paso, Texas, Block was dealt somewhat of a shocking blow when he was informed that the Central Hockey League, in which El-Paso was a member of folded. Instead of packing it in or joining another league, the owners of the team decided to keep the franchise alive by posting an open challenge to any competition that would take it. The challenge was if the opposing team could defeat El-Paso, the Buzzards would pay all the teams travel and accommodation expenses.

While this set-up may have seemed like it would take the pressures of playing professional hockey off of Block, it actually added more. Since the team was working with a limited budget, losing more than a few games could have easily deprived Block of receiving his weekly paycheck. So while he did not see regular competition throughout the season, Block now knows what it feels like to play under pressure every time he steps on the ice. This will certainly prove to be invaluable as his hockey

career progresses.

Although it is remarkable that LVC has produced professional athletes over the past four years, they can not take all the credit for themselves. Part of that credit goes to the coaching staff, four of which are former professional athletes, who aided in the development of these student athletes into peak performers.

Men and Women's soccer coach Mark Pulisic enjoyed a solid career as an indoor soccer player. Most of Pulisic's career was spent with the Harrisburg Heat where he was named to the National Professional Soccer League (NPSL) all-rookie team in 1991-92 and was an all-star selection during the 1994-95 season. Pulisic is also a member of the Harrisburg Heat Hall of Fame and is the club's all-time leader in power play goals and game winning goals.

Since coming to the Valley 10 years ago, Pulisic has enjoyed great success in turning both men's and women's soccer programs into annual contenders. He was named Commonwealth Conference "Coach of the Year" in 2000. Because of his experience as a professional, Pulisic is able to relate to his players easily, which helps him teach the game and get his athletes to perform at the highest level possible.

The other former professional athlete turned head coach is Jim Hoar of the Baseball team. Hoar was a 1971 draftee of the New York Mets and enjoyed a successful playing career. In 2000 Hoar took over as skipper and since then he has guided the baseball team to three of the best seasons in school history, including last year's Commonwealth championship and first round victory over the No. 3 Methodist College

in the NCAA tournament.

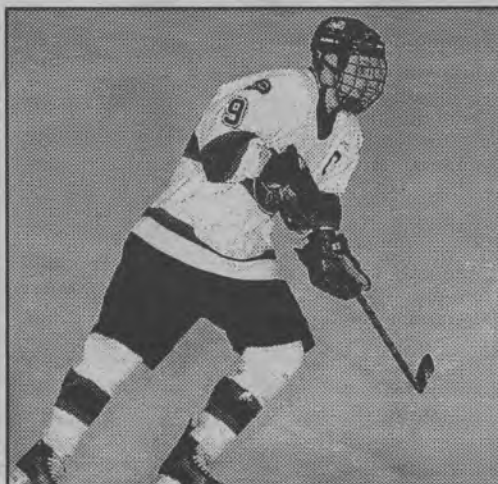
Golf coach Lou Sorrentino, a 1954 LVC graduate was a two sport professional as he signed with both the Baltimore Orioles and the Philadelphia Eagles. Sorrentino's experiences as a both a professional baseball and football player are ones that he can relate to golf in helping his golfers handle pressure in difficult situations. This mental training he can provide for his players is very helpful given the fact that golf is a game that requires a great deal of mental toughness.

On the hockey team assistant coach Ted Russell brings 8 years of professional experience to the ice. After playing four years at the University of New Hampshire, Russell went on to play for the Dayton Bombers and Johnstown Chiefs of the East Coast Hockey League. In 1997 Russell went to Europe to compete for the Peterborough Pirates and then for the Fife Flyers until he retired in 2001. Throughout his four years in Europe, Russell was an all-star selection each year. As a coach Russell's knowledge of the game from both a North American and European standpoint helps players develop to their fullest extent.

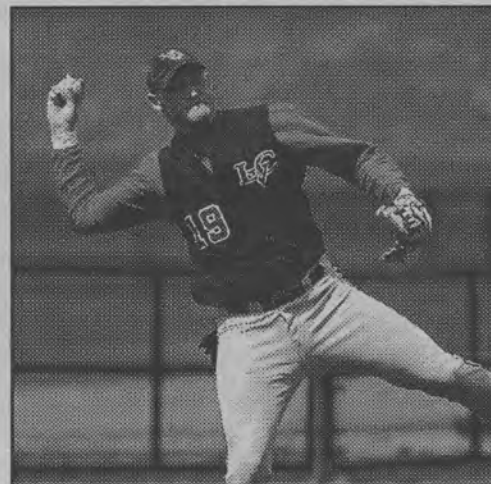
Looking towards the future, it seems that the current trend of LVC athletes prolonging their sports careers after college is not going to end any time soon. With three possible professionals in this year's graduating class, including Brian Yingling, Tim Rink and Joe Zielke, it is almost certain the streak will continue. Given the successes of almost every varsity team this past year, it seems that Lebanon Valley will most definitely produce many more pro athletes in years to come.



Tim Rink exhibits the two attributes you need to catch in the pro's - leadership and toughness. It doesn't hurt that he has a big bat too.



Brian Yingling can flat out score and dish the puck. The only thing that scouts question is his size - 180 pounds. But don't be surprised to see him on the ice as a professional.



Joe Zielke, a 6'3", 225 pound, third baseman has been scouting by several teams, namely the Chicago White Sox since his freshman year.

## Conference Standings

### Baseball

(FINAL)

E-Town	19-12, 12-9	.613
Albright	18-12, 12-9	.600
Moravian	14-13, 12-9	.519
Messiah	19-13, 12-9	.594
Juniata	20-17, 11-10	.541
Widener	14-20, 11-10	.414
Leb. Val	14-14, 9-12	.500

### Softball

(FINAL)

Moravian	26-8, 11-3	.765
E-Town	17-13, 8-6	.567
Messiah	22-13, 8-6	.629
Juniata	19-8, 8-6	.704
Widener	21-13, 7-7	.618
Susq. U.	9-12, 6-8	.432
Albright	12-14, 5-9	.462
Leb. Val	8-21, 3-11	.276

### Tennis

(FINAL)

Leb. Val	13-6, 6-1	.684
Albright	9-3, 6-1	.750
E-Town	12-4, 5-2	.750
Moravian	7-7, 5-2	.500
Juniata	2-3, 1-2	.400
Susq. U.	4-6, 3-4	.400
Widener	3-9, 0-6	.250
Messiah	0-10, 0-6	.000

## La Vie Sports Congratulates Members of the Senior class:

Matt Rolph, Mark Schauen, Mike Worthington, Dallas Noll, Joe Zielke, Kyle Rineer, Tim Rink, Darren Pugh, Drew Brayford, Stephanie Tighe, Andrea Zawalick, Chrissy Bigler, Sarah Dietrich, Kelly Ogurchak, Brian Yingling, Scott Schilling, Ben Kwon, Sean Carney, Dan Rau, Chris Schmidt, Chris Molite, Tom Kuhn, Anthony Pasquarella, Bernie Skaudis, Ryan Brennan, Bob Gemmell, Rich Kline, Don Carter, Jamie Bowman, Jordan Jack, Holly Zimmerman, Melissa Youse, Jenna Micozzi, Jen D'Emilio, Danielle Grill, Mike Bowin-Ashwin, Bret Hoffman, Jason Brandle, Josh Martin, Stacey Adair, Grant Walter, Mike Boger, Dawn Rumbley, Walter Smith, Jen Brown, Pam Gaguski, Arianne Gorniak, Jen Palmero, Karen Penberth, Ryan Arnold, Brock Hoover, Chris Hileman, Amanda Stevenson, Amanda Pottieger, Janelle Ziegler, Robin Sotak, and Steph George.



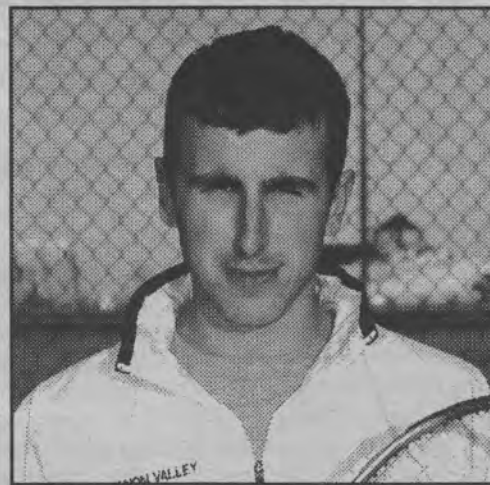
## Valley says so long to six all-time career record holders



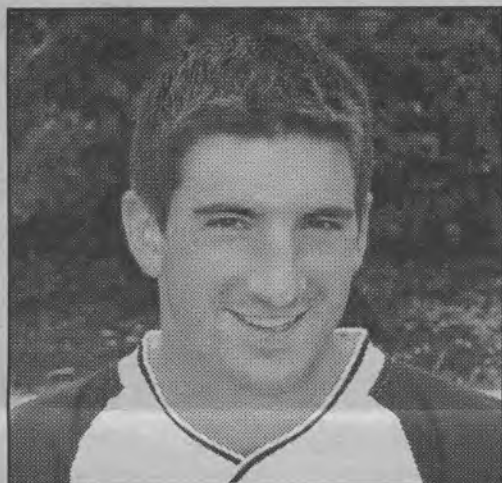
**Brian Yingling - Ice Hockey; Forward**  
All-time career leader with 210 points on 111 goals and 99 assists.



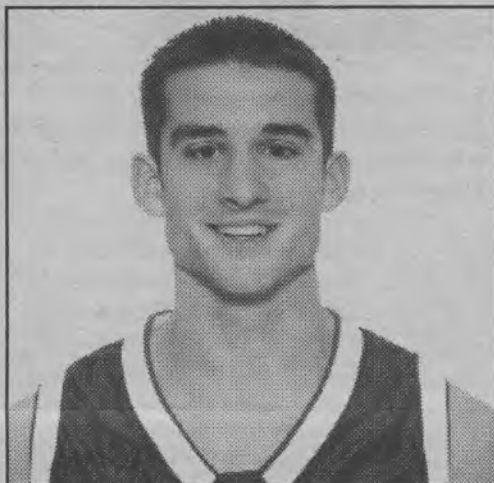
**Stephanie Tighe - Basketball; Forward**  
All-time career leader with 1,663 points, 587 field goals, and 385 free-throws.



**Chris Hileman - Tennis; #1 Singles**  
All-time career leader with 75 singles, 58 doubles, and 133 combined wins.



**Grant Walter - Soccer; Forward**  
All-time career leader with 80 points and 32 goals.



**Darren Pugh - Basketball; Center**  
All-time career leader with 936 rebounds, while 15th in points (1,136).



**Ryan Brennan - Football; O-line**  
First football player to be named to All-Conference team four straight years.

## Ogurcak Leads Golf to Seventh-Place Finish at MAC Championships

*Courtesy of Sports Information*

Sophomore Ryan Ogurcak tied for 20th among 70 competitors to lead the Lebanon Valley College golf team to a seventh-place finish at the Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC) Championships on Sunday afternoon at the Shawnee Country Club.

Lebanon Valley shot a steady 326-327-329 for a 54-hole total of 981. Susquehanna University finished 1-2-3 and won the team title by 33 strokes over runner-up Delaware Valley College.

Ogurcak posted a 242 (81-80-81) while junior Bob Hassler tied for 22nd at 243 (83-78-82). His 78 in the second round tied a season-best.

Seniors Mike Bowen-Ashwin and Brent Hoffman rounded out the Valley's team scoring. Bowen-

Ashwin recorded a 246 (79-87-80) to tie for 25th while Hoffman carded a 252 (83-83-86) en route to a 36th-place showing.

Sophomore Adam Demchak shot a 261 (89-86-86) and tied for 52nd. He did not figure into the team scoring.

**Team Scoring:**

1. Susquehanna U., 924
2. Delaware Valley, 957
3. Moravian College, 961
4. E-town College, 967
5. Wilkes University, 971
6. Widener University, 975
7. Lebanon Valley, 981
8. Messiah College, 1001
9. U. of Scranton, 1012
10. King's College, 1014
11. Albright College, 1015
12. FDU-Florham, 1020
13. Lycoming College, 1025
14. DeSales U., 1057.

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Tennis earns post-season honors *Continued from back page***Continued on Page 7**

42-33 in doubles play to finish with a combined record of 82-70.

Lebanon Valley's No. 4 singles competitor, Hoover finished 12-2 in 2003. In doubles action, he went 12-5 while competing mostly at the No. 3 position.

Hoover wrapped up a fine

career at the Valley with a 50-20 singles mark, a 39-25 doubles record and a combined 89-45 ledger.

Despite losing his No. 1 singles player from 2002, Myers coached Lebanon Valley to its second straight Commonwealth Conference regular season title this season and directed his squad to the

MAC Championship match for the third time since 1997.

With a career record of 111-64, Myers is the Flying Dutchmen's all-time winningest coach.

Lebanon Valley finished the 2003 campaign with a 13-6 record and a 6-1 mark in the Commonwealth.

## Inside the Numbers...

(FINAL)

**Baseball**

**Average:** (.455) Casey Long  
**Runs:** (30) Scott Montgomery  
**Hits:** (38) Mark Schauren  
**Homers:** (5) Tim Rink  
**RBI:** (28) Tim Rink  
**Slugging:** (.693) Tim Rink  
**Wins:** (3) Two Tied  
**K's:** (33) Dallas Noll  
**Saves:** (1) Two Tied

**Softball**

**Average:** (.364) Kristen Crouse  
**Runs:** (16) Amanda Stevenson  
**Hits:** (25) Kendra McQuillis  
**Walks:** (11) Casey McCool  
**RBI:** (14) Kendra McQuillis  
**Slugging:** (.500) K. Crouse  
**Wins:** (4) Two Tied  
**K's:** (15) Alisa Albers

**Men's Tennis****Singles** (reg season)

Christopher Hileman	15-3
Ryan Arnold	9-10
Ryan Wendell	13-6
Zachary Jarred	5-9
Andy Platt	5-5
Zach Cook	2-4
Brock Hoover	12-2
Chris Keeney	11-2



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## Dutchmen Blurbs...

• Sophomore Matt Hauk of the track & field team was named the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Division III Track Athlete of the Week on April 2. Hauk won the 400-meter intermediate hurdles with a time of 56.19 seconds and placed fourth in the 110-meter high hurdles (15.65 sec.) at the Susquehanna Invitational on Mar. 29.

• Senior **Chris Hileman** of the men's tennis team was named the Commonwealth Conference Player of the Week on Apr. 8. Competing at No. 1 singles and No. 1 doubles.

• **Hileman** set the Lebanon Valley College men's tennis career record for singles victories against Dickinson College on Apr. 16. He captured a 6-2, 6-4 victory at first singles for career victory No. 70, one more than **Josh Shellenberger '99** accumulated from 1996-99. He stands 75-13 in singles play for his career.

• On Apr. 14, sophomore ace **Robert Nordall** was also named the MAC Commonwealth Conference Pitcher of the Week and ECAC South Co-Pitcher of the Week. Nordall was dominant in 7 2/3 innings in a doubleheader split at Albright College, striking out 14, while surrendering just one hit and one unearned run.

• Sophomore **Jaime Greenfield** finished second in the javelin with a record-breaking heave of 127'7" to provisionally qualify for the NCAA Division III Championships at the Messiah Invitational on Apr. 12. She will join **Crystal Gibson** who qualified for her second consecutive trip to Nationals earlier this season.

### ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Senior **Chris Hileman**, junior **Kristin Crouse**, and sophomore **Jamie Greenfield Gibson** have earned this week's *Sports Editor Athletes of the Week Awards* for their recent performances.

**Hileman**, the defending MAC champion, became the men's tennis all-time leader in singles and combined victories last week.

**Greenfield** became the second Dutchmen track & fielder to qualify for the NCAA D-III Championships. She did so with a 127'7" launch of the javelin to break her own record by two feet and five inches.

**Crouse** has been a monster at the plate this year. She leads the team in batting average (.426), slugging (.617), on base percentage (.481), hits (20) and one home run.

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## Baseball Blues: Defending champs fail to make playoffs

By Timothy Flynn  
Sports Writer

What started as a promising season ended in disappointment over the weekend after the Lebanon Valley College baseball team failed to qualify for the conference play-offs for the first time since 2000.

After being swept by Messiah College in a doubleheader on Monday afternoon, the Dutchmen ended the season at 14-14 overall, 9-12 in the conference.

Having beaten Messiah on April 24, the Dutchmen had an outside shot at the fourth seed in the Commonwealth Conference play-offs. However, the worst possible scenario for LVC came true as Juniata, Widener, and Albright all swept their doubleheaders on April 26 to mathematically eliminate the Valley before

they even had a chance to play their final doubleheader against the Falcons.

The awful weather was the team's biggest enemy this season.

McGill Field was covered in snow until early April, and it seemed that Mother Nature conspired to have April

showers coincide with Dutchmen home games as well. "We never really got in a groove where we were practicing and playing on a consistent basis," said senior pitcher Kyle Rineer. "It messed up the rhythm at the plate and in the field." The team also had to cancel seven non-



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**Fourth year skipper Jim Hoar sits perturbed at his teams lack to produce wins after coming off the most successful season in school history.**

conference games during the course of the season, causing them to play just 28 total games, the second fewest in the conference.

The Dutchmen only managed to play one non-conference game outside of their spring break trip to Florida.

While weather may

have been the enemy, inconsistency was the dagger in the heart for the team. During the middle part of the season, they went just 2-9, all of the losses coming to conference opponents. Although the Dutchmen bats usually produced during the slide, the Dutchmen averaged 2.45 errors per game, which Rineer said was a big part of the mid-season tailspin. "We never put it all together," he said. "You have to play good defense to win at this level."

The high hopes that began the season certainly didn't make missing the play-offs any

easier. The Dutchmen were picked to finish first in the MAC pre-season poll, and everyone expected a repeat of their performance last year in the NCAA tournament. Instead, the Dutchmen found themselves finishing in seventh place in the Commonwealth.

Still, the Dutchmen remain optimistic for next year. Despite graduating seven seniors, including the heart of the batting order of Mark Schauren and Tim Rink, the experienced pitching staff, which includes promising sophomore Robert Nordall and freshman Tony Gebhard, should help the Dutchmen stay competitive next year. "They will miss the middle of the line-up," Rineer said, "but they can win using their speed and hitting line drives."

## Three Men's Tennis Players Receive All-Commonwealth Honors; Myers Named Coach of the Year



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**Tenth year head coach Cliff Myers poses with Athletic Director Kathy Tierney. He earned his 100th men's tennis victory earlier this season.**

Courtesy of Sports Information

The Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC) has released its 2003 All-Commonwealth Conference men's tennis teams and three Lebanon Valley College student-athletes have been

named to the all-conference first or second team.

In addition, 10th-year head coach Cliff Myers was named as the Commonwealth Coach of the Year for the second straight season and for the third time in the last four years.

Senior Chris Hileman earned a spot on the all-conference first team for the second year in a row. Fellow seniors Ryan Arnold and Brock Hoover landed a spot on the All-Commonwealth Second Team.

The team's No. 1 singles player, Hileman went 17-4 on the season and advanced to the semifinals of the MAC Singles Championship. He also went 12-6 in doubles play.

Hileman is LVC's all-time leader in singles wins (75), doubles wins (58) and combined wins (133). He was the 2002 MAC Singles champion and the 2002 Commonwealth Conference Player of the Year.

Arnold, LVC's No. 2 singles player, finished the season 10-11 and reached the second round of the MAC Singles Championship. He was also 11-7 in doubles play, primarily at the No. 2 position.

Arnold put together a 40-37 singles mark for his career. He also went

## 26 Winter Sports athletes named to All-Academic teams

Courtesy of Sports Information

Twenty-four winter athletes of the Lebanon Valley College have been named to the Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC) Winter All-Academic Team.

The MAC All-Academic Team recognizes student-athletes of sophomore class status or above who finish the season with a minimum 3.2 cumulative grade-point average.

In men's basketball senior guard **Drew Brayford** (3.29/Business), junior guard **Evan Harlor** (3.42/Biology), sophomore guard **J.D. Byers** (3.80/Business), sophomore forward **Steve Buzinski** (3.40/Open), sophomore guard **John Cornelly** (3.50/Elem. Ed.) and sophomore guard **Dan Hornick** (3.76/History) qualified for the team.

On the women's side, Senior captains **Christine Bigler** (3.35/Psychobiology), **Sarah Dietrich** (3.69/Elem. Ed.) and **Kelly Ogurcak** (3.75/Elem. Ed.) were named to the team along with sophomores **Jennifer Northcott** (3.82/Psychology), **Lauren Emick** (3.31/Elem. Ed.) and **Ashley Barber** (3.20/History).

The remaining 12 members named to the MAC All-Academic team were

indoor track and fielders. On the men's side, senior **Josh Martin** (3.69/Math), junior **Jeremy Rea** (3.95/Music Ed.) and sophomores **Jordan Newell** (3.83/Biology) and sophomore **Mitch Nyman** (3.29/Elem. Ed.) made the grade.

Qualifying for the team on the women's side were senior **Stacey Adair** (3.57/Psychology), juniors **Lisa Landis** (3.96/English/Poli.Sci.), **Sarah O'Connell** (3.96/Psych/Soc.), **Jessica Sweitzer** (3.24/Health) and **Amy Wagner** (3.65/Biology) and sophomores **Caitlin Flinn** (3.42/Psychology), **Jaime Greenfield** (3.57/Accounting) and **Shara Kershner** (3.66/Psychology).

Being named to the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference (ECAC) All-Academic team for the Dutchmen in Ice Hockey was junior **Nick McCreary** (3.31/Poli. Sci.) and senior **Brian Yingling** (3.50/Business).

To be named to the ECAC All-Academic team, student-athletes must have completed at least one academic year, have a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.00 on a 4.00 scale and have competed in at least half of the team's contests during the current season.